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A Green Flag will fly over Cadoxton

The Cadoxton Conservation Group proudly show off their award.

KEEP Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners – the international mark of a quality park or green space, these sites rely on volunteers to maintain their excellent facilities.

Cadoxton Conservation Group, formed just two years ago, have met the high standard needed to receive the prestigious Green Flag Community Award.

The flag will be flying at Little Hill Green, Brock Street, in recognition of its excellent facilities and commitment to delivering great quality green space.

The Green Flag Award programme is delivered in Wales by environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy, with support from Welsh Government. It is judged by green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria.

Lynnette Knight, chairman of the Cadoxton group, said: "The last two years has been very hard work for a small conservation group, but this award makes it all worthwhile. We are all so proud of what we have achieved."

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ABOVE: A toast to all the Oak Field Primary School leavers!

IT was five star dining at Oak Field Primary School for all the year-6 leavers who chose to have a meal and dance for their end of year treat.

The children dressed up in their Sunday best while the teaching staff became chefs and waiters. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Schembri who were Oak Field chefs for the night and Mrs Barnfield, Mrs Jones and Ms Perry, who were the waitresses.

The school wishes good luck to all the year-6 leavers in their onward journey to secondary education.

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Pay it forwards and 'Pave the Way' with GVS. See page 9.

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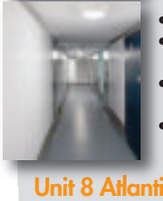

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Reader sees red over nudists

I READ your report in The GEM about the nudists at Wick and Monknash beaches.

When in our teens, my girl friends and I spent many happy hours there. Later, when married, I started to visit with my children.

Then nudists started to arrive.

The beach had plenty of room to sit but this man sat as near as possible, starting to undress, smirking at us the whole time.

When I arrived home, I called the police who rang me to say that he had left when the police arrived there.

It can't be right for young girls on their own to see naked men; it must frighten them.

The 'Barry Crouch' letter made me so angry.

Mrs Crook,
Llantwit Major

Noisy cars a nuisance

HAS anyone else noticed an increasing abundance of very noisy (exhaust) and speeding cars in and around Barry during the last month or two?

One has to wonder how or why our overstretched police have not heard or seen them, and prosecuted the drivers.

Several of these noisy idiots have no front number plate on the car either, two in particular – a black MINI and a blue Mazda sports car – which is a legal requirement under the RV (DoRM) Regs 2001.

These noisy cars can be heard and seen regularly on the roads around Barry, morning, noon and night.

Mike Piper, Barry.

A different cherry orchard...

INDEPENDENT bookshop Griffin Books is hosting an afternoon of tapas and holiday fiction with Cowbridge-based author Jo Thomas on Tuesday, August 7 at Bar 44, Windsor Road, Penarth.

Jo Thomas.

Jo will be talking about her latest book which invites you to a special cherry orchard in Spain, where sunshine, romance and family secrets are the order of the day. Perfect for fans of Jill Mansell and Carole Matthews, *Sunset Over the Cherry Orchard* is a heartwarming, hilarious tale that is "like the best kind of holiday".

Tickets for this event are £22, which includes a glass of cava, a delicious tapas lunch and a signed book. The talk will begin at 11am and last around an hour, followed by the lunch. Advance booking essential.

For details of other forthcoming author events visit griffinbooks.co.uk. **CL**

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'Essential services are more important than new road'

LAST week, Alun Cairns MP attended a meeting in Pendoylan War Memorial Hall regarding the Vale Council's proposal for a new road through our village.

I know that there has been plenty of correspondence on this subject in the media regarding the process of the consultation, but Mr Cairns stated something fundamental at this meeting which I feel has not been considered or recognised.

He said that we were "lucky" to live in a village which has the wealth of expertise to form an effective action group in response to council proposals.

I agree – we are very lucky and we all recognise the hard work going on by many residents in the locality, but what would happen if we weren't one of those "lucky" communities?

What if we didn't have planners, lawyers, barristers, property developers and conservationists, to name but a few?

Would the council (or other councils) just ride roughshod over the community with as little community engagement as possible, as they attempted to do here?

As a resident in this village, I have during the last 12 months been involved in several community engagement events to establish how the community feel their way of life in the village could be improved.

This included door to door surveys, doorstep conversations and drop in sessions. There were several main themes running through the responses: Potholes and the condition of our roads; litter; rural isolation, including lack of facilities for elderly and young; and public transport.

As a taxpayer, I feel sure that failing social services to the young and old, rising class sizes and slashed school budgets, having to pay more and more council tax yet still having to pay for essential services are more important to most people than a three-mile stretch of road to an airport and enterprise zone.

Remember other failed projects our money has been spent on – Bosch, LG, film studios and the airport?

Governments need to listen to their taxpayers and realise that our priorities are very different to theirs. They are there to represent us, not to tell us what to do, and this has been proved up and down Wales with failed projects and broken promises to improve communities.

Success comes from listening first and acting after, not the other way round.

H R Hanmer,
Pendoylan.

Parking charges an 'arrow aimed at our freedom'

WHAT is happening to our once beautiful Vale of Glamorgan – our open, green spaces, our quaint historic villages and our thriving little towns?

Many Vale lovers have detailed in The GEM what has been happening – some unthinking forces have been at work, destroying our heritage.

This has to stop before all that is worthwhile, commendable and valuable in our communities is no more.

The proposed new parking charges are yet another arrow aimed directly at our freedom. With this mind, I fully endorse the comments made by Barrie V Evans, co-ordinator Barry 1st Group and Mrs DE Davies, Cardiff, in last week's GEM.

Hearts and minds of those who love our heritage must fight valiantly and with purpose to stem the destruction of our liberties.

Mrs BM Glover,
Llantwit Major

'Let's all drink to the death of our town'

YOUR correspondent V Pollard is correct to be living in a town as "delightful as Cowbridge".

I wonder how long this will continue. Politicians, planners and developers seem to be doing their best to spoil all this, certainly in the immediate area around Cowbridge and in the wider Vale from the A48 towards Barry.

Those who seek to defend the scarring of the countryside, such as councillors representing areas not affected, are shown to be little more than tactless and insensitive.

Any academic study would, arguably, suggest that Cowbridge has reached its optimum, both as a market town, and as an influential hub for the rest of the Vale.

It remains to be seen how much real thought has been given to infrastructure.

Often in cases where large scale development takes place, the excuse is sometimes given that "the money has run out".

One of our local authors might care to give some thought to a publication which might prove to be prophetic – *Cowbridge - Death of A Market Town*.

DW Gerrard,
Cowbridge

How about some jazz?

NOW that we are enjoying open air music festivals lately in the Vale, is there any chance of a jazz/swing festival for next year?

Pam Hill, Barry.

Waste changes: 'Vermin will thrive'

I KNEW it was coming, but hoped it would not. Only collecting two black bags per household is going to cause problems between neighbours.

More rubbish will be dumped in alleyways, country lanes, next to street bins and on the route to Atlantic Trading Estate, no doubt.

Inconsiderate neighbours will be burning rubbish more regularly, (which apparently is illegal but there aren't enough resources to enforce that law).

The vermin will thrive and disease will spread.

The residents who are dependent on drugs and alcohol, or those with large families will not follow the rules. The cost of the extra clean up that is to come will be phenomenal.

I feel sorry for the cleansing staff that have to go out and clean up after the selfish people.

Name and address supplied.

Praise for our Good Samaritans

LAST Wednesday, an elderly gentleman collapsed in the middle of the High Street stopping all traffic.

First on the scene was Marcus David, a builder, and a passer-by also rushed to help.

An ambulance was called and together we managed to get the casualty to the side of the road and made him comfortable.

A young man named Wyn Shepherd made the gentleman's distressed wife comfortable. Mugs of tea were provided by the Town Hall staff.

Unfortunately, the ambulance took nearly two hours to attend. We hope the casualty is making good progress.

Local people helped, they did not pass by on the other side. They all deserve a mention and a huge thank you.

Terry Williams,
Cowbridge.

'Losing Welsh heritage' with school closure

WE had to fight to save our ancient church; we had to fight to save our ancient inn, the Fox and Hounds; now we are fighting to save our beloved school.

Llancarfan has been a place of learning since St Cadoc opened his illustrious monastery. People have lived here since 535 AD – we are losing our Welsh heritage.

One day all that will be left are roads, airports and black bags.

Mrs Blair Evans,
Llancarfan.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 2)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
26 Thur	06.32	8.8	18.54	9.0
27 Fri	07.12	9.1	19.29	9.1
28 Sat	07.48	9.2	20.04	9.3
29 Sun	08.23	9.3	20.39	9.4
30 Mon	08.54	9.3	21.12	9.4
31 Tues	09.27	9.3	21.44	9.3
01 Wed	09.58	9.2	22.19	9.1
02 Thur	10.33	9.0	22.53	8.9

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Foxtrot raises funds for Holme Towers

PAGET Rooms Monday Tea Dancers held their Festival Dance on July 16.

Cakes were enjoyed by all, thanks to Tesco Express Penarth and the dancers also want to say thank you to the Principality Building Society for their raffle prize of a lovely hamper.

During the afternoon, cheques totalling £600 were presented to Nerys, a representative from Holme Towers Hospice, in support of their good work.

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Harbour Road toilets now open

THE Vale Council has confirmed that the toilets at Harbour Road car park on Barry Island have reopened.

Work was required after the door to the men's toilets was vandalised.

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A successful fundraising year for Freemasons

Huw Davies (left) with Cathy Davies and Mr Grech, Headteacher, St Richard Gwyn School.

FOLLOWING a wonderfully successful year as Master of Wenvoe Lodge No 9038, Huw Davies and his wife Cathy had the recent pleasure of handing over cheques to local worthy causes following their fundraising activities.

This year, £1,750 has been raised which has now been distributed between three worthy recipients; St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, £1,000; Prostate Cymru, £500 and City Hospice, £250.

The Wenvoe Lodge has held three fundraising events over the past 12 months and through the support of the members and other lodges, the fundraising has been most successful, as well as providing a great time for all who attended.

Mr Davies would like to thank all those who have supported him and the Wenvoe Lodge over the past year. **GM**

Fitness fun at Cadoxton WI

AT the July meeting of Cadoxton WI, members were put through their paces with Alana and her keep fit class.

This fitness session, however, was fun filled and done sitting down, with balls, bottles and pom poms! causing much chaos and laughter.

After the exhausting workout, refreshments and biscuits were served and in our usual fashion a good old natter was had by all. The raffles were won this month by Marilyn Dowling and Kim Knight.

An evening trip to Romeos by the Sea was wonderful, with beautiful food and wine for members to enjoy. It was pleasantly interrupted as Penarth Esplanade became a film set with Dame Judy Dench performing for a new film release next year to be titled *Six Minutes to Midnight*.

On July 19, members shopped 'til they dropped at Labels Retail Centre and went into Ross-on-Wye for lunch which was a great day out.

August is the group's month off, but they will return on Monday, September 17 for the annual Harvest Festival where a buffet and entertainment will take place.

Upcoming events for September include a trip to Trostre Park and an evening meal at the Victoria Inn, Signingstone.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm. New members are welcome; contact Christina Whitchurch on 01446 404891. **KK**

'Aboriginal' boomerangs in an art class for the new pupils.

Year 6 'transition day' at Barry Comprehensive School

BARRY Comprehensive School may be closing its doors this summer, but staff and pupils are busy preparing for September.

Part of the preparation is ensuring a smooth transition for the current year-6 pupils who will become Whitmore High School's first year-7 intake in September.

Recently, the prospective pupils' parents attended a 'transition evening' for a presentation and the chance to chat to teachers about the new school and the new academic year. Last week, the boys and girls from year-6 spent the whole day at the school, attending lessons, meeting teachers and finding their way around with help from current pupils. **AS**

Getting to grips with music technology.

The Welsh Government 'must not pass buck' on bypass

THE Welsh Government must do more to deliver progress on the Dinas Powys by-pass, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies this week raised the issue in the Senedd with First Minister Carwyn Jones emphasising that "congestion straddles the whole area" and that resolving it must be a "top priority for ministers".

In response,the First Minister described the issue as "primarily a matter for the Vale Council", a position Mr Davies called "incorrect".

He pointed out that as a trunk road, funding for a by-pass is the responsibility of the Welsh Government and so ministers must work proactively to make it a reality.

Mr Davies said: "Here we have a situation with the largest village in Wales being flanked by Wales' largest town and our capital city, but appalling transport links between all three.

"For over four decades, residents of Dinas Powys have been promised a by-pass and now it is time to make it a reality.

"As well as easing congestion in the village, the by-pass would effectively create a link road between Cardiff and Barry so the entire eastern Vale would benefit.

"Funding for the scheme is the responsibility of the Welsh Government and in the past, I have credited ministers for their receptiveness to it.

"The situation is quite clear – without Welsh Government funding, the by-pass will not happen. Ministers must deliver in their duty to the residents of the Vale and provide the transport infrastructure the area needs."

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Sports day at Oak Field Primary School

Potential Olympians were all apparent at the annual Oak Field Primary School's Sports Day! Sprinting, skipping, putting the shot and an obstacle race were tackled by all year groups.

Praise for Cogan Primary School in latest Estyn report

Pupils of Cogan Primary School.

COGAN Primary School was judged 'excellent' in care, support and guidance and leadership and management in a 2018 Estyn Report.

It was also labelled as 'good' for standards, wellbeing and attitudes to learning and teaching and learning experiences.

A Vale Council spokesperson said that in May this year, inspectors reported that the school, which has a hearing resource base for children, was at "the heart of its community and provided a safe, welcoming, and stimulating learning environment for its pupils".

There are clear expectations from leaders that pupils, teachers and learning support assistants work hard and do their best.

As a result, the report found that the school has maintained high standards in nearly all areas over an extended period of time.

The report read that the pupils in the school, including those with additional learning needs, were found to make at least expected progress during their time at the school and a minority exceeded their targets.

Most pupils in the hearing resource base achieved well in relation to their starting points, and a few made particularly good progress.

The school was noted for paying good attention to developing pupils' literacy, numeracy and ICT skills. The quality of teaching was judged as good overall and most teachers set high standards for behaviour and the quality of work.

The school was also described as an extremely caring community, which fosters excellent working relationships between staff, pupils, parents and the wider community.

Susan Sibert, headteacher, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the report, it recognises the excellent leadership and experienced team, and how our children become confident young citizens, who respect others, understand and celebrate diversity, and above all, enjoy learning."

Cllr Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "Congratulations to pupils, teachers and staff on a fantastic school report."

Inspectors have recommended the school raise standards of Welsh oracy in key stage 2 and improve pupils' ability to influence and to lead their own learning.

Legal eagles bake up a storm for Y Bont charity

LEGAL experts across south Wales have unleashed their inner Mary Berry to raise funds to support children with disabilities in Bridgend.

CJCH Solicitors showed off their baking talents.

Solicitors from CJCH Solicitors in Cardiff, Barry, Bridgend and Blackwood have been baking up a storm across all four offices to generate funds for the Y Bont charity.

The centre, based in the grounds of Heronsbridge School, offers support to families and children with disabilities across Bridgend, providing a 'one-stop' multi-agency resource including information, practical, social and emotional support.

To raise money for the cause, solicitors from CJCH, which has named Y Bont as its charity of the year, held numerous cake sales on July 18.

Thanks to their baking skills, £593 was raised through donations, which has been matched by the firm for a total of £1,186 to help support the Bridgend charity.

Senior partner at CJCH Solicitors, Jacqui Seal, said it was a privilege to be able to support such a worthwhile local cause.

She said: "Y Bont is such a fantastic charity which makes such a difference to the lives of families and children with disabilities in Bridgend and the surrounding areas.

"Our team really showed off their baking skills on the day, and I'm sure a few of them could give the Mary Berry a run for her money!

"I would like to thank them for taking part in this charitable event, which underlines our commitment to the communities we are proud to serve."

CJCH Solicitors, has supported the local centre for the past year after committing to make the school for children with disabilities their sole charity focus for the next few years.

So far, CJCH has raised funds for the school through selling raffle tickets, taking collections in the receptions of all their offices, supporting charity events and now hosting four simultaneous afternoon tea events across their south Wales practices.

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Barry RAFA's 80th anniversary concerts, and a plea to find Dambuster Guy Gibson's family

THE Barry Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) is celebrating its 80th Anniversary with an anniversary concerts featuring the ABS Choir from Steenbergen in the Netherlands

To mark the occasion, and on behalf of the ABS choir, the RAFA branch wishes to trace any near living relative of Wing Commander Guy Gibson or his wife, born Evelyn ("Eve") Moore, of Penarth. She died in 1988.

A spokesperson said: "We are especially honoured to receive the ABS Choir from Steenbergen in The Netherlands to All Saints Church, Barry on Saturday, September 7, and at All Saints Church Penarth the following day for the concerts.

On September 19, 1944, Gibson and his navigator, Squadron Leader James Warwick, died when their de Havilland Mosquito crashed at Steenbergen. They are buried in the town's Roman Catholic cemetery

A spokesperson said that the concerts will be an opportunity to thank the people of Steenbergen for their memories, and care and attention given to the graves of Gibson and Warwick.

The spokesperson continued: "The people of Steenbergen have also commissioned several pieces of sculpture and memorials from the remains of the aircraft and wish to share this information with the relatives.

"They would hope to meet up with any family member at one of the concerts mentioned above."

"If any one can help the Barry RAFA Branch find Gibson's family, we can be contacted through the secretary Howard on 07851 643560."

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Stanwell School's summer news round-up

National champion

WELL done to Curtis Finch of year-10 who participated in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu British National Championships and was crowned national champion in the Gi competition and No Gi competition, making him a double British national champion in his category.

We look forward to hearing how he gets on in the World Championships in July.

Silver medalist

IN April, Charlie Wescott of Year 7 competed in the Welsh Youth Fencing Championships and came away with a silver medal in the under-12 category. Many congratulations Charlie.

National Children's Orchestra

CHARLIE's twin brother Oliver won a place on the National Children's Orchestra course which was held over the Easter holidays at Port Regis.

Oliver had a wonderful time and we hope that this experience will further develop his passion for music.

Lifesaving triumph

ANOTHER huge congratulation goes to Xantia Hobrough of year-8 for her success at the recent British Lifesaving Championships where she came away with not only the gold medal in the 100m manikin rescue, but she absolutely smashed the current British record, which had stood since 2013, by six seconds. Well done Xantia.

Sporting excellence

CONGRATULATIONS to Morgan Lloyd Williams of Year 10 who has become a 1st Dan Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do (Tae Kwon Do Association of Great Britain).

At the beginning of May we celebrated the success of aspiring footballer Ruby Hamed Jones of year-7 who was selected to represent Wales. Ruby also plays for the FAW Regional Pathway to the national under 15s Team. One to watch for the future, we think.

Football champions

MAY also saw the school congratulating several of the year-7 and 8 girls who play for Sully Pinks under-13s on their success in the SWWGL Division 3 which saw them crowned champions after a fantastic season.

The players involved were: Olivia Welsh, Grace Brown, Nicole Horrobin, Sophia Sinclair and Seren Chalk, Macy Brown, Molly Barlow, Kitty Picton, Ella- Mae Goodwin, Poppy Glaze, Millie Slade & Jess Dunlop.

Basketball selection

GOOD luck wishes go to Niamh Sultana of year-10 who has been chosen to represent Wales for the under-16s girls' basketball team in the European Division championships in Moldova this July.

Niamh Sultana will represent Wales in the under-16s basketball team.

Invitation to Buckingham Palace

DURING the start of summer term, the school learned that 11 of our past and present students were invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. A great day was had by all.

Kaffeekuchen

WELL done and thank you to Mr Flatley and the Language Ambassadors who designed a German café menu, collected orders and delivered them around the school.

Customers could choose desserts from a selection of typically German delights to accompany their fresh morning coffee. Everyone agreed that the cakes were köstlich.

Eisteddfod winner

IN June, the school celebrated the talent of year-10 musician Huw Boucher, who competed at the national final of this year's Urdd Eisteddfod representing the school and was awarded first prize for the harp in the under-19s age group category.

Huw was also awarded the most promising young Welsh Harpist and given the TLWS (medal) Gwen Heulyn trophy.

Creative art exhibition winner

THE school is delighted to announce that Rowan Higgins of year-11 has won the Cardiff Met School of Art prize for Fine Art.

Rowan was rewarded with a top of the range Nikon SLR camera in recognition of her outstanding GCSE course work which is part of the school's creative exhibition at the School of Art. Her work 'Decayed Fish' is a painted triptych documenting the decomposing stages of the natural form. Congratulations Rowan – we are delighted for you.

Judges were highly complementary about the standard of work on display from Stanwell pupils (Years 11-13) many of whom were present with their parents at the private view which took place on June 20.

Annual award ceremony

PUPILS, parents, staff and governors enjoyed our annual award ceremony to recognise the talents and achievements of pupils held on a warm summer's evening in June.

Past pupil and West End actor Chris Jenkins inspired everyone with tales of his experiences treading the boards. Our fantastic Jazzwise group provided the musical entertainment for the night.

School of Rock

STUDENTS from Years 8 and 9 thrilled audiences this year with an outstanding junior production of *School of Rock*.

Both the cast and the musicians treated the audiences of the three-night sold-out run to a West End standard performance. Congratulations to you all again on a superb show.

The students received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Buckingham Palace.

TABLE TOP SALE

A TABLE top sale will be held in the All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square Penarth on Wednesday, August 1, 2pm-4pm. To book a table (£4), call 029 2071 1657.

Vale MP challenges Vodafone to find new mast location

VALE MP Alun Cairns, alongside members from FocusBARRY, has met with representatives from Vodafone to discuss potential locations to site a telephone mast in the local area.

Mr Cairns stated that he is determined to secure better telephone services for local residents and requested the meeting with Vodafone to discuss a suitable location for a new mast, following the refusal of their previous proposal which was met with local opposition.

The MP was among those who found objection with the site at Knap Gardens and has, along with local campaigners, suggested better-suited alternative sites.

CTIL, a joint venture between Vodafone and Telefonica, had their application for a 12.5m high mast at the entrance to the Knap Lake Gardens, rejected by the Vale Council in recent weeks. The company appealed this decision through the Planning Inspectorate, who decided to reject the appeal.

The decision to reject the application for a mast in this location was welcomed by residents as well as Mr Cairns, who believed that the proposal offered a trade-off between improved services and protection of the local area – a price they were unwilling to pay.

Throughout the meeting, both Mr Cairns and members of FocusBARRY had the opportunity to express the importance of protecting key features of the local area, which had been a main concern with the previous proposal.

While Mr Cairns said that he wants to secure better telephone services, he made it clear to Vodafone representatives that it should not be at the cost to the area and that this should be a key consideration for them going forward.

The local MP said: "It is key to decisions like this that local residents are involved and consulted during the decision making process. I am happy to see Vodafone have been taking on board their opinions. I'm glad that they came to meet us on site, hear our concerns and show that they're willing to work to find an alternative solution that works for us."

He added: "Of course, it is important to improve phone signal in the area and I'm determined to help secure that, but that shouldn't come at a cost to the surrounding scenery. We discussed a number of suitable locations for the telephone mast and I am now waiting for further correspondence from Vodafone, as they take the next steps in finalising the most suitable location for the mast."

Police Band to play at Barry Festival of Remembrance

THE South Wales Police Band and Drums are lined up to play at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in Barry on September 22.

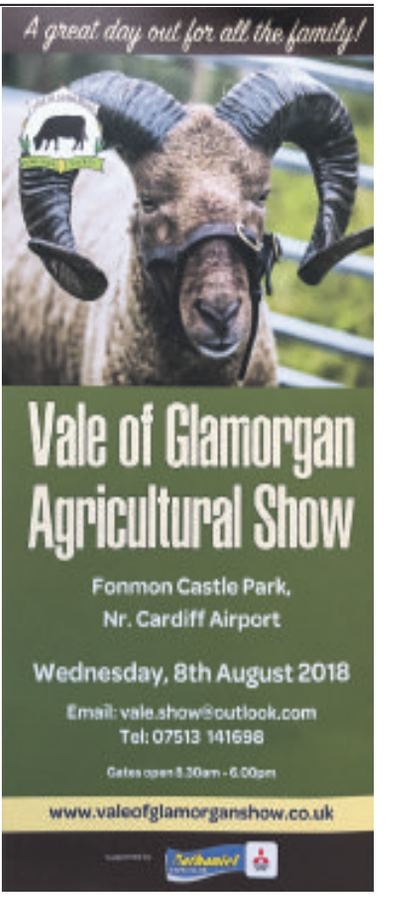
A spokesperson for the South Wales Police Band and Drums said: "The band is proud to have the opportunity to mark the Centenary of the First World War by playing at the Royal British Legion Barry Festival of Remembrance on September 22, to honour and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country, and to say thank you to the generation that shaped the world we live in today.

"Throughout the evening of remembrance and music, the Police Band will play through the different types of sounds from cheering, morale boosting marches to more sombre and reflective music.

"To start the evening, 'Royal Salute' by composer Richard Waterer, will be played, which will include a drum display. They will also play 'Men of Harlech', a traditional Welsh song describing events during the seven-year siege at Harlech Castle, through to the 'Last Post' which is played by the British Army to signify the end of the day and came to represent a final tribute to the fallen.

"The Last Post is played every Remembrance Day and since 1928 has been played each evening at 8pm at the Menin Gate, Ypres."

Tickets are available from the Memo Arts Centre Box Office on 01446 738622 - for further information contact Teresa at Barry Royal British Legion on 07776 111385.



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'Give people language choice on council forms' says Vale councillor

THE Welsh Government is "pandering to language fanatics" and wasting money by insisting forms are sent out in both English and Welsh, a councillor has said.

Vale councillor Kevin Mahoney has said communications such as forms being sent out in Welsh out of 'political correctness' are just ending up in the bin by people who do not use the language.

He has also accused the Welsh Government of creating a 'bubble' around the Welsh language and 'discriminating' against the 85 per cent of the population who do not speak it.

The Welsh Government says it makes no apology for promoting the Welsh language while a Plaid Cymru councillor has said Welsh speakers deserve equality of service.

Cllr Mahoney called on the Vale Council to contact every home in the region to ask them if they want their communications in only English, in only Welsh, or both.

He said: "They are ensuring all these Welsh language forms that are not required are immediately put in the bin. Why would you want to do that on a point of political correctness?

"Surely it would be better to spend that money elsewhere. I would rather it being spent learning the Welsh language than being chucked in the bin. They would rather see that money wasted all the time."

At a recent meeting of the Vale Council, Cllr Mahoney asked how many calls in Welsh were made to the Contact One Vale Call Centre over the last 12 months and how much literature in Welsh has been returned to the council.

He was told there were 240,021 calls to the contact centre in the 12 months leading to July 2018 and just 1,956 of those were in the Welsh language – a total of 0.81 per cent.

The council is required by law to treat English and Welsh on an equal basis when dealing with the public and council literature is required to be bilingual, Cllr Bob Penrose told the meeting.

Information on the amount of Welsh literature being returned was not held centrally, he said.

Cllr Mahoney told the meeting: "Wouldn't it be better if the Vale contacted every household to ask them if they want their stuff in only English, in only Welsh, or both, rather than pander to the language fanatics who would see all that stuff dumped in the bin when I would like to see it spent perhaps on subsidising Welsh language lessons which currently cost £149 for a 10-week course.

"Wouldn't that be a better use of any money that's spent in this way, other than seeing it dumped in the bin for political correctness?"

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who learned Welsh at Barry Boys School, said: "I thought that we were past the point where local politicians tried to make Welsh speakers feel second-rate just for receiving services in their language of choice. Welsh speakers pay their taxes and deserve equal quality of service.

"I regularly use the Welsh language services at the Vale council who are very good at dealing with inquiries. Most paperwork from the council, such as the council tax bill, is automatically bilingual in both Welsh and English, which undermines the complaint being made.

"The continued growth of Welsh language education in Barry in recent decades, and the success of those schools, shows that parents value the opportunities of their children being able to speak both of Wales' national languages."

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "Eighty-six per cent of people in Wales [it was not ststed which body carried out the survery] believe the Welsh language is something to be proud of.

"We agree with them and make no apologies for promoting its use or complying with the law around the Welsh language."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

New figures show details on council fines and tax penalties

MORE than 400 people have been given spot fines for littering in the Vale, the Vale Council has said.

A total of 499 fixed penalty notices were issued by 3GS between April 2017 and March this year, said the council.

That is fewer than 1.5 spot fines per day.

Some 411 were for littering – including offences such as dropping cigarettes (93), spitting and dumping of general waste (193) or small-scale fly-tipping (122).

Other offences included three fines for dog fouling and one for public urination, a Vale Council meeting was told on July 18.

Since they were awarded the current enforcement contract, 3GS has issued 799 spot fines for littering offences and six for dog fouling. A total of 10 of these cases progressed to court.

A total of 37.4 per cent of the litter fines were paid while 62.5 per cent of the dog fouling offences have been paid to date.

Cllr Kevin Mahoney asked whether more people who have been fined should be put before the courts.

Cllr Hunter Jarvie replied: "It's a question whether people can be traced, found and brought to court."

SPARE ROOM SUBSIDY

More than 400 people in the Vale of Glamorgan are being hit by the so-called under occupancy charge (Spare Room Subsidy) figures show.

The charge refers to deductions in housing benefit paid to claimants who have unused bedrooms in their homes.

Tenants have deducted 14 per cent from their housing benefit if they have one surplus bedroom in their home, and 25 per cent if they have two or more.

In April 2018, some 336 council tenants with one surplus bedroom had deductions made while 104 had two or more surplus bedrooms, figures from the Vale Council have revealed.

That is down from April 2013, when 511 council tenants had one surplus bedroom and 93 had two or more surplus bedrooms.

Cllr Ian Johnson, in a full council meeting on July 18, asked whether the bedroom tax, which he called an "unfair tax on social housing" was working.

Cllr Andrew Parker, cabinet member for housing and building services, said: "We have a responsibility with only 3,000 council houses and 3,000 people on a waiting list to ensure properties are used beneficially and wisely.

"Should there prove to be properties that are not fully utilised we go out of our way to assist the people to move.

"It's the right policy because we have not got enough accommodation, particularly for larger families."

COUNCIL TAX DEBT

The leader of Vale of Glamorgan Council has said he is in favour of keeping the threat of imprisonment for people who don't pay council tax.

A total of 16 people in the Vale have been imprisoned for not paying council tax in the last five years, it has been revealed.

The council has also revealed 19,839 court summonses were issued between 2013-14 and 2017-18 to people for non-payment of council tax.

The Leader of the council, Cllr John Thomas, told a council meeting on July 18 that no-one in the Vale has been sent to prison for non-payment of council tax since January 2017.

It comes as the Welsh Government has launched a consultation on removing the threat of imprisonment for non-payment of council tax.

Cllr Johnson, who submitted a question about the issue, said imprisoning people for non-payment of council tax was "frankly Victorian" and asked how the council will respond to the consultation.

Cllr Thomas responded: "I wouldn't agree that it's Victorian. I have no problem with this council taking action against people who refuse to pay their council tax. I'm quite happy for those people to face the consequences of their actions.

"We do however make every effort to help people who are in a position where they can't pay their council tax. I will ensure we will always carry on doing that.

"I would be in favour of keeping the status quo as it is. That's having the stick that we need to wave when we need it."

He added the council's response would have to be consulted on by members before a conclusion is made.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Musical celebration at Llancarfan Primary School

DURING the last week of term, children at Llancarfan Primary School were given the opportunity to share their musical talents with friends and parents at the Music Celebration Assembly.

There is an impressive array of musical talent at Llancarfan and everyone was treated to the sounds of the clarinet, flute, violin, guitar, piano and singing.

It takes a huge amount of courage to stand alone in front of a packed and discerning audience, but all of the children were fantastic and the school is very proud of them.

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Council makes it to second place in Green Flag rankings

TEN areas in the Vale have been awarded Green Flags.

That is three better than last year's haul and positions the Vale Council as the second best-performing local authority in Wales.

Of the 22 Welsh councils, only Cardiff's 12 green flags beats the Vale's total, with the likes of city authorities Swansea and Newport left trailing behind.

The three new Green Flag Award winners are Gladstone Park, Porthkerry Country Park and Cosmeston Country Park.

They were added to a list that also includes Romilly, Alexandra, Belle Vue, Central and Victoria parks as well as Barry Island Seafront and the Knap Gardens.

Elsewhere in the Vale, The Kymin in Penarth and Barry's Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, which are maintained by their respective town councils, also received awards.

Barry Community Garden, Birchgrove Woodlands, Little Hill Brock Street, Nightingale Garden, Wenvoe Wild Orchard, Cowbridge Physic Garden, Cwmtalwg Local Nature Reserve, Elizabethan Orchard, Old Hall Gardens, Upper Orchard Field Wenvoe, Wenvoe Community Orchard and Welsh Orchard Wenvoe all gained Green Flag 'Community Awards'.

The awards are managed by Keep Wales Tidy. Details on all winners can an be found at www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag.

PACT in the Vale

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown and meet a police officer? You can have a cup of tea while you do, and it is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

CASTLELAND Take tea and talk to an officer between 12 noon and 2pm at Atlantic Café, Wimbourne Road, Barry, on Tuesday, August 7.

LLANDOW/EWENNY Coffee and Chat will be held at St Marys Golf Club at 11am on Tuesday, July 31.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk for contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

For all the latest news from your area - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

GVS work with The GEM

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) was pleased to host a briefing session on July 19 with Andy Johnstone, one of the editorial team at The GEM.

Representatives from local small voluntary groups benefitted from asking questions, gaining important tips and advice which would all help to contribute in gaining press coverage for their organisations.

A delegate said: "The aspect I found most useful was learning how The GEM deals with press releases and the best ways to submit them."

The next briefing session, priced at £5 and aimed at small community groups, is on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 9.30am to 11am.

A full list of GVS courses and briefing sessions can be found at www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training.

If you would like to attend any of the sessions, please contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services on 01446 741706, or enquiries@gvs.wales, or look online at www.gvs.wales.

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Llancarfan parents' anger as cabinet member 'dead bats' 17 questions

SECURITY guards were called as parents and campaigners walked out of a Vale Council meeting after being left 'appalled' about a lack of answers about a proposed move of a primary school.

People campaigning to save Llancarfan Primary submitted 17 questions to the council at its meeting on July 18 about the authority's plans to transfer the school to a new £4m facility in Rhoose.

But campaigners in the public gallery voiced their frustrations as councillor Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and culture, repeatedly said it was "not appropriate" to answer their questions – including on whether the plans meant a 'closure' of Llancarfan Primary – because a consultation has only recently finished.

Security was then called to eject one man for interrupting the meeting – at which point many of the campaigners walked out.

One campaigner called out during the meeting to say the answers were "insulting to our intelligence" and another said: "We thought we lived in a democracy".

Speaking outside the meeting Jim Barratt, parent of a pupil at Llancarfan Primary, said: "We had sat through over an hour and a half of other council business very patiently, very diligently listening to what the council had to say about other matters.

"When it came to our written questions we were appalled to discover the member responsible for replying was giving us a standard response each time to the effect that the consultation has just closed and therefore he was unable to comment.

"It is infuriating because we put in legitimate questions, concerns we've expressed through two consultation processes, and to not have those addressed now that the consultation is closed is frankly a dereliction of their duty as democratic representatives."

Stephen Parry, whose children have also gone through the school, added: "I am disappointed as a reasonable, professional human being that you can't come to a democratic meeting and ask a question especially when the stock answer is: 'It's not appropriate for me to answer that'.

"I feel angry that democracy is not being served."

Llancarfan Primary School has been listed on Welsh Government's School Organisation Code as a 'rural school'.

The code describes a presumption against the closure of rural schools and stipulates the case for closure must be strong and not taken until all viable alternatives have been explored.

Llancarfan Primary is the only school in the Vale the Welsh Government has deemed worthy of greater protection.

The Campaign to Save Llancarfan School group argues the council plans a 'closure' of Llancarfan Primary while the council has described it as a 'migration' or a 'transfer'.

Cllr John Thomas, the Leader of the Vale Council, has said the plans do not constitute a school closure and said the authority will carefully consider comments in the consultation before deciding a way forward.

He said: "It is understandable that the issues surrounding the future of the school generate strong feelings. However the council meeting was constantly disrupted and the chairman had no option other than to ask those in the public gallery to refrain from shouting out.

"The requests, which were frequent, were repeatedly ignored and one gentleman was asked to leave. When he refused a member of staff was called to escort him from the gallery.

"This action is within the council's constitution and was used at the meeting to enable proceedings to continue. It is extremely rare for such action to be taken and, whilst this was unfortunate, the chairman had no option on this occasion.

"The council has undertaken a consultation exercise on a proposal to transfer Llancarfan School, its Governing Body and teaching staff, to a new school building, located in Rhoose.

"The council is proposing a £4m investment that would see Llancarfan Primary School move into a new state-of-the-art building as part of the Council's 21st Century Schools programme."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Local businessman Simon Llewellyn invited Tŷ Hafan's siblings group to create their very own hot dog at Sausage Revolution.

Sausage Revolution hot dog boost for Ty Hafan charity

TŶ HAFAN is lucky enough to be within throwing distance of The Sausage Revolution, the Cuban-inspired gourmet sausage restaurant run by former Dragon's Den hopeful and Hot Diggidy Dog chilli sauce entrepreneur, Simon Llewellyn.

As a treat for Tŷ Hafan's siblings group, Simon invited them to go along and have a go at creating their very own Tŷ Hafan-inspired Sausage Revolution hot dog.

Simon said: "We were delighted to have a quirky and unique way to support our local kids' charity. When you have your own children, it makes you realise more what others are going through and makes you want to help in whatever way you can, however big or small.

"It's just such a pleasure to be able to put a smile on the children's faces."

The children spent the afternoon in the restaurant, sampling different ingredients and coming up with the perfect combinations. The 'sibs' then set about judging their creations in a blind taste test.

The winning effort was by Emily and Isabella with their choice of sausage, ham, grated cheese and baked beans in a brioche bun, and it will be sold in The Sausage Revolution.

Every 'Sibs Dog' sold will mean a donation to Tŷ Hafan.

Sibling support coordinator at Tŷ Hafan, Anna Bowyer, added: "Simon, Jason and the team couldn't have been more accommodating and the winning dog by Emily and Isabella has all the elements of a classic kid's favourite in the making, and maybe for the adults too, so please give it a try.

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Speaking up for Llancarfan - A VILLAGE WITH THREE HEARTS

AS one of two vocal people asked to leave last Wednesday's Vale Council Meeting (happily supported in our departure by other parents and campaigners), may I ask for a few column inches to suggest why our disruptive voices, speaking up for Llancarfan, needed to be heard?

The issue, of course, is the threat of closing Llancarfan School. The fact that 'closure' was disguised in Vale 'consultation' by use of the weasel word 'migration', a word found inadequate in the second consultation, and so changed through embarrassment into 'transfer'.

Whatever the spurious label used, and against Llancarfan and Rhoose's wishes, children would be shipped five miles to an unwanted new 'Llancarfan' school in Rhoose, while the Vale would inherit the cash resource of an empty silent rural school building. Closure is closure.

It's embarrassing to speak up, though. We do after all have considerable respect for our councillors. We genuinely continue to try to make available the countless facts which should help them say 'no thanks' to the proposal.

Back when I was Director of Education for the National Museums of Wales, I too had ideals for the best deployment of the museum's learning resources.

But I never had, nor wished for, the opportunity to undermine a vital element of village life, flying in the face of the Vale Council's initiatives to promote and sustain Stronger Communities.

Llancarfan's historic village has three hearts – the church, the pub and, of course, the school.

Each beats with the life of a village that the Vale treasures, and to which visitors, tourists and pilgrims increasingly flock.

The church, now very much a place of pilgrimage, was due to have its roof off in the 1970s. It was saved, and the rescue rewarded by discovery of the finest medieval wall-paintings in Wales.

Llancarfan also clubbed together to buy and save its now-thriving Fox & Hounds.

How then can we not be vocal in urging our council representatives to keep Llancarfan School here in Llancarfan, the third vital element in this naturally strong community?

Our school is unique, the only one in the Vale that the Welsh Government recognises as rural. This must be protected here.

One well understands that many of our councillors share a frustration with the time-restricted Council Chamber ritual pursued last Wednesday.

Here the few batted back proscribed pairs of questions and answers, bled dry of debate. This was surely not why they became councillors? We for our part in the visitors' gallery had been told that responses to our community questions, politely submitted for council discussion following the re-tread of the second consultation, would be forthcoming on Wednesday.

Regrettably though, the councillor responsible had been ill-provided with deliverable answers. These clearly obliged him to repeat many times that 'a full analysis of the responses has not been possible'.

Our community's frustration at what seemed a further inhibition of democratic discussion, not least by those respected councillors, was doubtless why we were so vocal.

We had to urge our representatives to communicate, listen and recognise that, following the most dubious token research – sadly not genuinely prompted by educational concerns but by short-term financial opportunism – our representatives are in danger of draining the lifeblood from a treasured Vale village.

Might I apologise to Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, for making his chairmanship difficult in what must be an early appearance in the hot seat. One has some hopes that he will wish to do something to reform the stultified nature of council procedures to enable proper democratic discussion.

And my thanks to the very pleasant security staff who ejected us.

Ian Fell, Vale Ambassador, former Director of Education, National Museum of Wales, Llancarfan.

Can you pass on a skill to others?

PAVE the Way is a local project that supports people with experience of mental ill health into volunteering across the Vale.

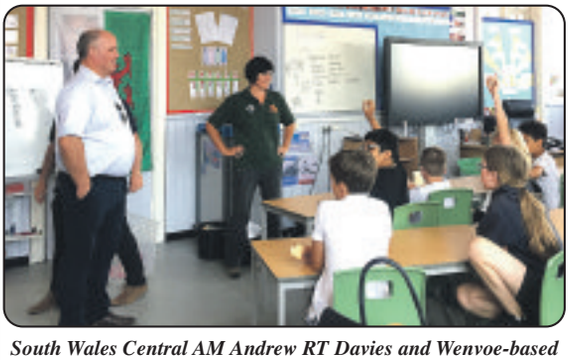
As part of the project, monthly meet ups are held at Golau Caredig, Barry. They provide a safe place for people to meet and get involved in volunteering, as well as an opportunity to meet others and have a cuppa.

Now that a strong core of people come along, it is hoped that some activities or crafts can be offered to the group which they can do together for a few hours.

For example, recently a volunteer attended to teach the group the basics of watercolours.

If you can spare a few hours and think you could help, contact Clare Humphreys, Pave the Way volunteer development officer, on 01446 741706, email: Clare@gvs.wales or visit www.gvs.wales.

Vale farmers take their Cows on Tour



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies and Wenvoe-based dairy farmer Abi Reader give pupils of Roath Park Primary School an insight into farming in the Vale.

FARMERS from across the Vale of Glamorgan have taken to the road to give local schoolchildren an insight into the agricultural industry.

On July 19, NFU Cymru held a 'Cows on Tour' event at Roath Park Primary School in Cardiff when pupils had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities.

Dairy farmer Abi Reader of Goldsland Farm in Wenvoe gave a demonstration of how cows are milked, while there were also opportunities to make burgers and butter.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, who still runs the family farm in St Hilary, attended the event and said it provided children with the perfect opportunity to become more familiar with the source of their food.

Mr Davies said: "Our country would not function without a thriving agricultural industry, since it is vital to produce the food we need.

"But it can often be difficult for children to understand where their food comes from. This initiative from NFU Cymru is a great idea, giving pupils hands-on experience of everything from milking a cow to making burgers.

"It was a pleasure to join Abi and other farmers from across the Vale in taking part and it was excellent to see the pupils so enthusiastic.

"I'd like to thank everyone at NFU Cymru for their work in putting the event together and the staff and pupils at Roath Park Primary School for giving me such a warm welcome."

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Cardiff Airport unveils its ambitious masterplan with new terminal and hotel

CARDIFF Airport set out ambitious plans to develop the business as a key gateway to the UK over the next 20 years at a launch event held last week.

The 'Draft Masterplan' was launched by Carwyn Jones, First Minister of Wales, Ken Skates, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, Roger Lewis, Airport Chairman and Deb Barber, Airport CEO.

The airport says the masterplan sets out the airport's aspirations to be "an outstanding capital city airport connecting Wales to the world and the world to Wales" while delivering an exceptional customer experience.

It aims to grow from its current level of 1.5 million passengers a year to over three million. The airport says facilities must meet the needs of increased passenger numbers and the expectations of the modern traveller.

The masterplan's main points are:

International gateway: To build on the airport's efficient, safe and secure 24/7 operation; deliver greater capacity to grow to three million passengers a year and beyond; attract new airlines and secure new routes; diversify the airport to create and develop opportunities for aviation, cargo, education, technology and innovation.

A unique place: Create a public realm for the community to enjoy; excite customers before they fly and those arriving to Wales; link businesses across the airport campus, supporting the region and enterprise zone; support education with a place to learn and innovate.

New terminal: enhance the airport's unique identity as the gateway to Wales, creating a memorable first and last impression; ensure ease of access for all; enhance its customer experience with best in class facilities, including SMART technology; develop the airport's 'green' credentials to meet environmental and social commitments.

New four-star hotel: Develop the first on site hotel; offer more choice in local accommodation for customers; offer business meeting and conference facilities; provide a convenient base for visitors to explore the region.

New transport hub and car park: Offer greater travel choice for customers, the community and the airport team; offer an improved integrated transport facility; develop a new multi storey car park close to the terminal building; and offer new services to enhance the customer experience.

Carwyn Jones commented: "These improvements are ambitious yet achievable and will enable the airport to continue its development of further aviation links to the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond which will improve its competitiveness and attractiveness as a gateway to international travel and trade.

"We look forward to working with the team at Cardiff Airport to deliver these exciting developments."

Roger Lewis, Chairman, Cardiff Airport, said: "2018 has been a transformational year for Cardiff Airport and for Wales as we've already welcomed over nine per cent more passengers to the airport and more inbound visitors to the country than ever before.

"We have always been ambitious with our plans and this draft masterplan continues to show the confidence we have in our business and in the region."

Deb Barber, CEO, Cardiff Airport, added: "We have ambitious plans for growth which can only be achieved if we enhance our infrastructure and create a five-star airport experience for customers that's efficient, modern and enjoyable."

Cardiff Airport is asking for feedback on the draft masterplan by September 14, 2018. A final masterplan will then be launched in autumn 2018. To submit your views, go to: https://www.cardiff-airport.com/masterplan2040/.

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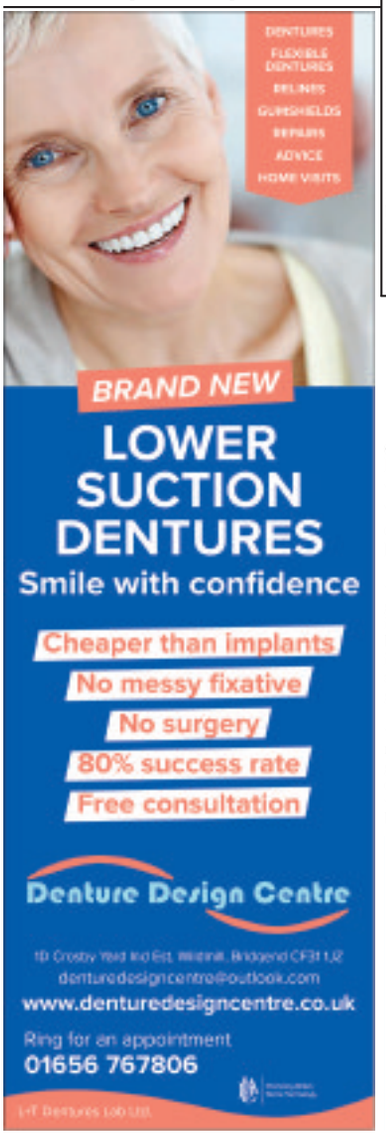
Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be the AGM for members only, followed by a Groups' Fayre at 2pm on Wednesday, August 1 in the St Quentin's Suite of the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge (please note the change of both date and venue). See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.



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Precious metal for Penarth school

PUPILS at Albert Primary School have proven their 'green credentials' after being awarded a top eco award.

Albert Primary have been awarded a platinum flag after previously gaining three green flags because of involvement environmental education programme, Eco-Schools.

Julie Giles, education officer for Keep Wales Tidy said: "The Platinum Flag is a very impressive achievement and highlights the enthusiasm and commitment that Albert Primary has towards sustainable development." **EL**

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Friends of Barry Beaches

JULY'S beach clean will be held on Sunday, July 29 at The Knap beach, Barry. Volunteers should meet at 3pm near the toilet block, at the terrace car park.

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With the fabulous weather we are currently experiencing, would volunteers make sure they bring water and sun block.

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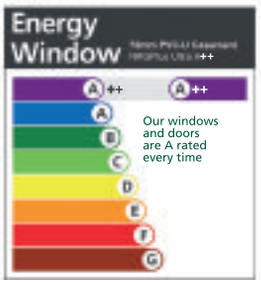

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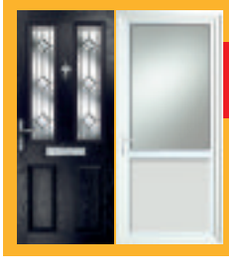

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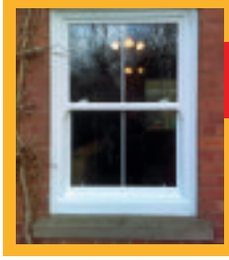

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'TO WALK THE ROAD OF OPPORTUNITY, YOU MUST CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN OF LEARNING'

Year 6 at the top of Pen-y-Fan.

IN a fitting tribute to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's school motto, 'dyro dy law i mi ac fe awn i ben y mynydd' – 'give me your hand and we'll go to the top of the mountain,' the junior school Year 6 pupils and teachers took time out from their studies to climb Pen-y-Fan on July 17.

This last achievement for the Year 6 pupils was the significant milestone of reaching the summit of their primary school journey.

The children now look forward to welcoming fellow pupils from Ysgol Sant Baruc, Ysgol Sant Curig, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant, Ysgol Pen y Garth, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg and Ysgol Dewi Sant in joining them on their next big adventure in senior school.

Becca Pugh, a teacher, said: "We have all reached a milestone this year with YGBM's first Year 6 pupils entering our senior school. All the junior school staff would like to wish our children every success in this next exciting chapter. It has been a pleasure to watch them flourish as individuals and lead us into the school we are today."

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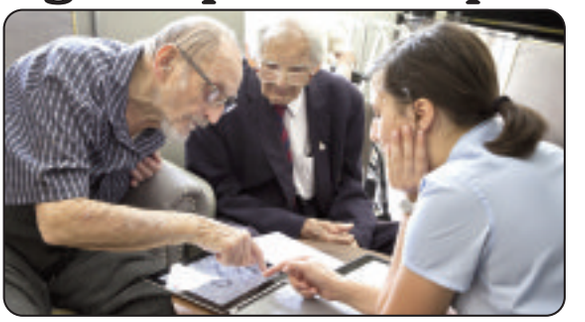
Care home residents get top tablet tips



Residents worked with pupils to get the most from their iPads.

RESIDENTS from a Cardiff care home have become experts in using an iPad after being shown the ropes by pupils from a local Llandaff school.

Students from Howell's School of Cardiff Road, demonstrated their knowledge and expertise in new technology as they showed residents at Tŷ Llandaff, lots of useful features on their iPads.

Staff from the home, which offers private nursing, residential and respite care from the age of 18 in Pontcanna, arranged the visit in response to reports that show that one in five adults in Wales are not online.

Tŷ Llandaff manager Janice Evans also believed that care home residents could greatly benefit from using more features of their tablets.

The two generations worked together happily going through the basics of using an iPad, and then had fun looking at the different apps that might be helpful to the lives of the residents.

Many residents talked to the children about the inventions they have seen through their lives, and how life was different for them when they were at school.

The children had been coached by their school on the best way to teach someone how to use an iPad, improving their patience, communication and teaching skills.

Janice said: "It's always a wonderful day when we have a group of young people to visit. It gives our residents a new lease of life and it's a delight to see people from the two generations form a real bond.

"The children from Howell's School have given our residents a real gift with their coaching and new sense of independence.

"Now our residents will be able to use their iPads to stay in touch with family and friends, browse all their photos of happy memories, watch TV, listen to music and of course use the internet to keep up to date with the latest news and even shop online."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff contact 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com

Wildlife sculpture at Cosmeston Lakes

What looks like a trumpeter swan, commonly an inhabitant of North America, is now in the Vale.

A NEW sculpture has been installed at Cosmeston Lakes, as part of an outdoor learning area which is to be created at the site.

The sculpture was designed, with the help of pupils from Oak Field Primary School in Barry who worked with the sculpture artist Chris Wood, from Wood Art Works.

The sculpture has been carved from oak, standing over 12ft tall and includes otter, pike, roach, eel, mallard, grebes, water vole, squirrel, owl and a swan in flight at the apex of the sculpture.

The pupils worked with Chris to come up with this design after visiting Cosmeston for a walk.

The pupils would like to thank both Chris Wood and Cosmeston Ranger Aaron Jones for allowing them to be part of this project.

Nicola Danielsen

WI MEMBERS MEET 'BLOOD BIKES' MAN

ST NICHOLAS WI met on June 7 when president Janet Hayes welcomed guest speaker Dave Payne from Blood Bikes Wales.

Dave gave a very interesting talk explaining the importance of Blood Bike Wales as a charity which operates throughout Wales, providing a free motorcycle courier service to hospitals in Wales.

Marion Glover won the monthly raffle and Sandra Lewis won our first Denman Bursary.

On Thursday, July 5, Brenda Sullivan gave us an excellent talk and demonstration of Neal's Yard products with hand washing and skin care. The raffle was won by Anne Walklate.

Fifteen ladies met for afternoon tea in Holme House Hotel in Penarth, and had a very enjoyable afternoon with delicious food and lots of laughter.

The next meeting of St Nicholas WI will be on September 6 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston at 7pm, when Mavis Tierney will demonstrate silk printing. New members are always welcome.

Vivienne Hayes

Community cinema in Penarth church

ALL Saints Community Cinema's next screening is *Finding Your Feet* on Wednesday, August 8 (not the usual Thursday) at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm.

Admission is by ticket only at All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth.

For tickets call Jane on 029 2070 8088 or 079668822459.

When 'Lady' Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge in an impoverished inner-city London council estate with her estranged, older sister Bif.

The two could not be more different – Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment, and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class, where she starts finding her feet.

COWBRIDGE CHARITY SHOP WINS A NATIONAL AWARD

Each volunteer was presented with a Flame of Hope badge at the event.

THE volunteers and shop team at Cowbridge Cancer Research UK on the High Street are proud to have won a Cancer Research UK national award in this year's Flame of Hope Awards.

The shop won a special commendation in the Shop of the Year category to recognise the success of Cancer Research UK shop volunteers, increasing the shop's financial contribution to the charity in the last year.

The shop team of volunteers were treated to tea at The Bear Hotel on July 18.

Head of Retail, Julie Byard, area manager Helen Evans and shop manager Samantha Griffiths presented the awards.

A spokesperson said: "Without our volunteers, we simply wouldn't be able to raise money to support life-saving research.

"Right now, our volunteers are making it possible for our scientists, clinicians and nurses to find new ways to prevent and treat all cancers."

SG

Tea and Georgia jazz thrill DPVC

ANOTHER successful strawberry tea was held by Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern in the Lee Hall and gardens at Dinas Powys with many supporters and volunteers enjoying a glorious afternoon.

The Georgia Jazz band entertained the guests and this led to enthusiastic dancing on the patio of the Lee Hall.

Delicious refreshments were provided by DPVC and members of Dinas Powys WI, and the whole scene was very attractive in the glorious sunshine.

John Fanshaw, chair of the charity, said that he was grateful for the level of support from people to ensure the afternoon was a success. He said: "Many thanks for the hard work of our coordinators who organised the afternoon and to DPVC's trustees and volunteers who helped on the day – to Mike Hartrey who drove many of our elderly residents to the event in our minibus, Jill Davies and the WI team and to members of the Wednesday Afternoon Club who volunteered to help make event such a success.

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Bridgend Council fails to respond after three months

A REGIONAL AM has raised concerns after a local authority took more than three months to respond to a request for information.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) took three months and one day to respond to a request for information from regional Assembly Member Suzy Davies.

The council's own website states that they should respond within 20 working days of receiving the request for information.

While the authority adds that: "If we're unable to do this we will state why, and tell you when to expect a response," Mrs Davies has questioned why the council took the amount time it did.

"I understand and accept that at times local authorities, along with other public bodies, may not be able to respond fully within the 20 working day time frame.

"However, I twice received emails from BCBC telling me that they could not respond in time and twice they told me they would respond within a further 10 days."

The initial request for information was made to the council on April 10.

Mrs Davies received emails from BCBC on May 9 and June 25. On both occasions, the council stated that they would be extending their time frame and that Mrs Davies would receive a response within 10 days.

"On both occasions they failed to meet their own time extension. This was not a request for an extension by the council, they simply told me they were giving themselves extra time."

Mrs Davies, the Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, said: "I have referred BCBC to the Information Commissioner as it is unclear how deep these failings and inefficiencies go.

"How many other times have the council failed to respond to residents within an appropriate time? We just do not know."

After more than three months, BCBC's response to Mrs Davies' original request for information, which asked about their gender pay gap was: "To date the authority has not calculated this, therefore the authority does not hold the requested information."

In response to Mrs Davies' question of whether the council have done any work with the Equalities Commissioner on this matter, the response after three months and one day was: "No."

A BCBC spokesperson said: "We acknowledge that there was a delay in responding to the request. Responses to FOI requests are undertaken by relevant departments alongside their day to day work commitments, and in this particular case the department is working on an analysis of the gender pay gap.

"They had hoped to be in a position to provide a more meaningful response. This work is still being undertaken."

Female pro-EU group launched

A GROUP of women leaders, representing aspects of Welsh life and work, has established the 'Women in Wales For Europe Network'.

Chaired and hosted by Jane Hutt AM, the network is committed to ensuring relationships with the EU are maintained and that Welsh women's voices are heard on Brexit.

Discussions are focused on the equality and human rights implications of Brexit in Wales..

The group's call to action includes a commitment to using its many networks to inform women about what Brexit really means for them, their families and communities and to empower them to challenge inequalities and influence decision making.

Ms Hutt, who set up the group in liaison with the independent anti-Brexit campaign group Wales For Europe, said she was delighted with the range and breadth of organisations and sectors taking part, and their determination to confront and eliminate discrimination.

"We know that, with Brexit, we are facing uncertain times. The Welsh Government has already stated that Wales 'must not lose a penny of funding due to Brexit'. That is very important, particularly for women in relation to, for example, domestic violence services, employment programmes and health and well-being.

"In addition we must ensure that women's rights are not allowed to roll backwards and that hate crime and discrimination based on nationality (both EU nationals and those of other countries) is prevented.

"The Women in Wales For Europe Network, collectively and individually, will be a voice of conscience, working to ensure that equality and human rights are not sidelined during the negotiations but are always part of mainstream discussions."

For further information, contact: Helen Birtwhistle Director, Wales For Europe director@walesforeurope.org.

A fond return for store's new charity partner

FOLLOWING a successful year working with the RNLI Barry Dock Lifeboat Station, Sainsbury's Barry is now pleased to reveal their new charity partner for 2018.

Over two weeks this June, customers were given the chance to vote in-store and online for the store's new charity partner, with the RNLI receiving the most votes.

Christopher Stork, store manager at Sainsbury's Barry, said: " We're really excited to be working with the RNLI at Barry Dock Lifeboat Station again, supporting such a fantastic cause. Everyone here at the Barry store is looking forward to working together for a successful partnership."

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Treat your canine friends at Posh Pawz Rhoose

POSH PAWZ Rhoose have just celebrated their sixth anniversary.

K9 beauticians Kath and Jo have both been very successful and have both provided a one-to-one service pampering your precious pooches.

They have decided to tackle new ventures and Jo will be leaving Posh Pawz Salon & Spa at the end of July.

Kath will continue to run Posh Pawz in Rhoose and will continue to provide a top-class grooming experience.

The salon remains a safe, clean, fully-heated and air-conditioned environment in which your best friend recieves the very best of care and attention.

Kath will continue to provide freshen-up baths to full grooming treatments, which include ear plucking, nail trimming and anal gland treatment

The salon also features a variety of collars, leads, harnesses, coats, toys and treats at reasonable prices.

They are open five days a week, Tuesday through to Saturday, and keep an eye out for some new services along with a new website, to be launched soon, which will enhance both your and your dog's experience.

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Out & About with The GEM

Zimbabwean sculpture exhibition

ON July 31 at Coed Rural Art Space, Stephen Watts will be hosting a Zimbabwean sculpture exhibition, with music and story telling, from 1pm onwards.

Mr Watts is the third generation in a line of sculptors in his family. Over the past three years, he has been building relationships with Zimbabwe through spending a year living there.

He has brought back about 40 sculptures for this exhibition from Tengenenge sculpture community.

Tengenenge began back in the 1960s and continues up to this day with over 100 artists still living there making sculpture.

Despite the struggles of the country, artists continue the sculpture tradition, and now there are many upcoming artists developing new style for Zimbabwean art.

The exhibition will show the spectrum of Zimbabwean sculpture, featuring work from first generation artists like Josia Manzi, to sculptors like Brian Tembo, carving abstract sculptures at the age of 15.

For further information, visit zimsculpture.co.uk.

ELDER ABUSE

DOMESTIC violence and elder abuse can happen to anyone and no one should live in fear.

Support and advice is available from Atal y Fro, an organisation in the Vale that offers help and support. A session will be held on Tuesday, July 31, from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. This is a drop-in session; no appointment is needed. *For further information, call 01446 732385.*

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Johnson's Skyscraper is pure, glorious fun!

DWAYNE JOHNSON has battled most things on screen – giant mutated wolves, earthquakes, Jason Statham and government agents to name but four – however, he has yet to face off against a skyscraper. Luckily, his latest film, *Skyscraper*, is on hand to rectify that.

Johnson plays Will Sawyer, a former FBI SWAT team member who, after losing the bottom part of his leg in an explosion, is now a security consultant. Hired to survey and assess the safety of the newly-built tallest skyscraper in the world in Hong Kong by owner Zhao (Chin Han), Will soon finds himself and his family (including his wife, played by Neve Campbell) embroiled in a plot to burn the building to the ground, and Will has to save his family in the most dramatic fashion...

Having started the summer battling genetically-modified creatures in *Rampage*, Dwayne Johnson signs off his summer with *Skyscraper*, a *Die Hard-meets-Towering Inferno* blockbuster. If there's one thing a Johnson film can guarantee is to offer you a good time, and *Skyscraper* most certainly does that, a lunking great beast of a blockbuster film that makes no pretence to be anything other than entertainment – and succeeds.

Johnson is that rare breed of actor (much like Tom Cruise) who has the ability to give the audience what they want, and while his output may not particularly tickle the fancy of the high-brow (or those who believe they are high-brow), what he nearly always delivers is something that thrills and keeps you watching.

There is so much about *Skyscraper* that feels hackneyed or predictable, the film getting its beats from disaster films of yore while dropping plot breadcrumbs with all the subtlety of a Donald Trump tweet (a room full of screens that create a hall of mirrors-esque effect? That would be a good place for a shootout) but what Johnson and director Rawson Marshall Thurber create is something that bypasses these over-familiar tics.

Of course, the big thrill is seeing Will enter the blazing tower to save his family, and after a little heavy-handed plotting, once we get there we get action sequence after action sequence that will do little to calm the nerves of those with a fear of heights (definitely avoid 3D), and a sense of spectacle that definitely keeps you on the edge of your seat.

Johnson is as ever hugely watchable, and what is pleasing is the way he downplays his super-heroic onscreen persona; with a prosthetic leg, Will is more than just your everyman thrown into an extraordinary situation – he is fallible and Johnson is great playing this role with just enough wizened charm.

Neve Campbell's character also transcends the familiar,

by GARETH JAMIESON
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and rather than be a damsel in distress she has her own specific set of skills that make her a valid character in her own right. Chin Han's billionaire-with-a-secret is enjoyable, as are McKenna Roberts and Noah Cottrell as Will's children who are caught up in the disaster, but the rest of the turns just don't catch light.

Pablo Schreiber just can't hide the shifty look in his extended cameo, while Roland Moller's villain is dull in the extreme and Noah Taylor's insurance expert is a blot on the actor's otherwise hugely impressive and underrated career.

But this isn't a film that rests on the shoulders of the acting performances, rather the bombast of the blockbuster and there's nothing wrong with that. It may run out of steam a little as we reach the climax, with the plot shoehorning the characters into a rather predictable denouement, but there's still a huge amount to enjoy in what is an incredibly pleasing slice of big-budget cinematic fun.

VERDICT: It's not clever but it certainly is big, and *Skyscraper* makes for a thoroughly satisfying blockbuster. As ever, Dwayne Johnson is hugely watchable, and while the performances range from decent to atrocious, director Rawson Marshall Thurber delivers spectacle, thrills and excitement – just don't look down! *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Die Hard* (1987), *San Andreas* (2015).

Bringing historic art to life at Dyffryn Gardens

VISITORS to Dyffryn Gardens can view a succulent border just below the south terrace.

It is inspired by a 1923 watercolour of Dyffryn Gardens painted by artist Edith Adie.

Edwardian plant connoisseur and then-owner of Dyffryn, Reginald Cory, commissioned Adie to paint several views of the gardens (designed by Thomas Mawson in 1906 in the Arts and Crafts style).

In 2023 Dyffryn, now owned by the National Trust, will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Edith Adie Dyffryn watercolours and, with just five years to go, staff have begun a project to reinstate the real-life inspirations for her work.

The border is filled with an array of succulents including aeonium, agave, crassula, sempervivum and gasteria to produce a carpet bedding effect.

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National Garden Scheme weekend

77 Cefn Road.

LISTED below are the gardens in Barry opening for the National Garden Scheme on the weekend of July 28-29.

Barry – *47, Aneurin Road*, Barry. Small town front garden with an ever-changing canvas reflecting the seasons and flowering cycle of a wide and varied arrangement of plants, grown in containers and hanging baskets.

Open July 28 and 29, 11.30am-6pm – 47 Aneurin Road, Barry, CF63 4PP.

77 Cefn Road, Barry – A large S-facing garden with flower borders, pots, vegetables, hens and several seating areas. There is a pond for wildlife next to a bog garden with large Gunnera and flanked by banana plants. The vegetable garden has two greenhouses, four no-dig beds, a composting system and a wood shed with a green roof. Views over the Vale and Bristol Channel.

Open July 28 and 29, 11am-5pm – CF32 0AW.

446 Gladstone Road, Barry – Small town house garden, currently in development that has to cater for a children's play area but still has a good arrangement of planting that could survive the occasional damage!

Open July 28 and 29, 12noon-6pm – CF63 1QG.

Aston Martin sponsors RAF dance at St Athan

PICTURED: Mark Brayson, Aston Martin VIP Operations Director, Brian Plenderleith and John Bollard of Rotary Club of Rhondda and Tony Missen of Aberdare Rotary Club, at a recent visit to the company's car plant at Gaydon in Warwickshire.

THE Rotary Club of Rhondda and RAF St Athan are currently organising a Glenn Miller hangar dance to be held on October 27.

Music will be provided by the RAF Central Band's big band sound, The Squadronaires, with Kirsten Orsborn, Royal Marines official forces 'sweetheart' and Michael Buble tribute, Tom Carey.

The dance is being arranged to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Air Force and the 80th birthday of RAF St Athan. Proceeds from the event will go to the RAF Benevolent Fund and local charities.

It is hoped that 1,000 tickets will be sold and they will go on sale at the end of this month. The venue for the dance will be in a hangar at MoD St Athan and tickets will cost £25.

The organising committee is pleased to announce that Aston Martin, who are currently building a car plant at MoD St Athan, have agreed be the main sponsor for the event.

For tickets, contact Dave Thomas on 07570 793029 or email daillew@gmail.com; Brian Plenderleith on 01443 430992, 07743 482412 or email bcplenderleith@sky.com.

Classic film night at The Small Space

THE Small Space in Barry is starting to screen classic films and here *Paul Sutton* reports on its launch event:

July 16 was the first film night at The Small Space in Barry.

An appreciative audience viewed the Michael Caine caper *The Italian Job* with everyone joining in at the famous scene shouting: "You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!"

The film was preceded with drinks at the bar, admirably manned by Bryan, before a short welcome and introduction by host Jasper Blakeley.

The screen size and sound system for such a small venue really did do justice to the film.

Further classic films are planned over the coming months and deserves to be well supported by the local community as it provides just that something a little bit different in an intimate surrounding for a Monday night out. Check it out for yourself and enjoy.

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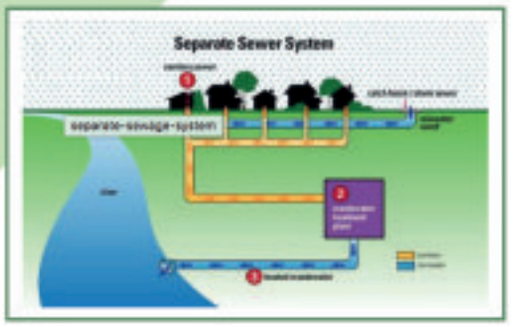

In 2020 the Environment Agency will be changing the regulations to clamp down on properties who are not on mains sewerage, and are discharging to soakaways or watercourses.

- Environment Agency (EA) regulations are changing on January 1st 2020.
- If you are not connected to mains sewers, this may make your existing system non-compliant.
- Any discharge to a watercourse must be through a certified water treatment plant from 2020 onwards.
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Awards for inspired students

The students with their awards.

STUDENTS and volunteers from across the Vale were commended for their achievements in a recent awards evening held at Barry's Art Central Gallery.

The Vale Inspire Awards was organised by the Vale Adult Learning Network – a range of partnership organisations who provide learning and volunteering opportunities in the Vale.

The overall winner of the Inspire award, was Beryl O'Brien, who began as a volunteer at Cardiff Metropolitan University. She has progressed from learning on a taster course to completing a degree course and hopes to graduate at the same time as her granddaughter.

This year's winners of the Gail Hughes Community project award, in memory of a former staff member who worked for the Vale of Glamorgan Community Development, was awarded to 'The Journeys', which runs a 'Confidence and Self Esteem' project at Palmerston community learning centre.

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Resistance to Autism Bill 'disappointing'

AUTISM sufferers across Wales will feel "let down" by the Welsh Government, said South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies recently.

There have long been calls for legislation guaranteeing autism sufferers rights and support, and a Welsh Conservative Autism Bill is currently progressing through the Assembly.

While the Welsh Labour Government have allowed their backbench members a free vote on the Bill, they have not indicated Ministers will support it.

Mr Davies,who has recently visited several organisations calling for better support for autism sufferers, said the situation was "bitterly disappointing" and urged Ministers to give the Bill their "wholehearted backing".

He said: "I have recently visited many organisations, including Vale People First in Barry, who made it quite clear they need more help from those in power.

"An Autism Act for Wales would deliver this, so the Welsh Government must sit up, take notice and give autism sufferers the support they need."

New handmade kitchen now available at Topstak

TOPSTAK, in the Vale, have added a beautiful handmade kitchen to their top quality range.

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Christian Brookfield from Topstak says: "The Eric Christian compliments our current range of high-quality kitchens perfectly. As with every service we provide, a dedicated team will ensure that everything goes smoothly for the customer, from helping with the choice of paintwork and appliances, to installing the kitchen in the home."

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Firefighters rescue horses trapped in trench

Photo courtesy of RSPCA.

TWO horses that became stuck after wandering into a trench have been freed by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

The horses – a mare and her foal – were unable to back out of the trench at a disused building at an old colliery site in Ynysmaerdy, Pontyclun, on July 20.

It appears they became stuck after walking through a tunnel and down a trench, which was narrow, and they were unable to go back when they could not go any further.

It is unsure how long the horses were there, but one of those on the scene suggested a day, commenting that the horses remained calm and were used to being handled by people.

The rescue was undertaken by the fire crew and the owner, with advice from a vet and support from the RSPCA.

A ramp of wooden blocks were used to move the horses up higher so their heads were above the trench, allowing more space for them to turn around.

There was praise for the fire crew, and the horses were uninjured apart from a few grazes.

The owner has been advised to block up the access point.

Ableworld's ethical selling policy on mobility products

AFTER more calls have been made for tighter mobility scooter laws to prevent 'unfit users' from purchasing equipment without being assessed, Ableworld want to reassure their customers they will be continuing to trade as an ethical mobility retailer as they have always done since they were founded in 2000.

At a time when many mobility retailers have given in and sold scooters online with no checks,

Ableworld strongly believes that before purchasing some items of mobility equipment, customers should be correctly assessed and advised which product fits their needs best.

Michelle Mossford, senior marketing manager said: "The wrong product sold over the internet or in-store without a proper assessment could lead to added complications to a person's condition.

"For this reason, some of our products are only available for purchase after an assessment has been made either in the home or in one of our stores.

"This can sometimes mean we lose out to 'less responsible' competitors who have no concerns selling over the internet or without a thorough assessment".

Those products that Ableworld insist have an assessment prior to purchase include riser recliner chairs, scooters, powerchairs and wheelchairs.

If you would like an assessment in your home, contact your nearest Ableworld store for more information or alternatively visit the store, where our trained advisors will be happy to help you.

Not only does Ableworld run regular scooter proficiency sessions aimed at keeping customers safe, but it also produces a free 'highway code' for mobility scooters and users.

This free guide covers everything you need to know in order to stay safe while using a mobility scooter, and to keep other road users and pedestrians safe.

It also includes the DVLA registration process, advice on insurance and guidance on how to use your scooter safely.

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Morrisons announces its 'Quieter Hour'

MORRISONS Barry is to introduce a quieter hour for customers who would benefit from a calmer shopping trip.

Designed to help customers who currently struggle with music and the other noise associated with supermarket shopping, it will take place every Saturday in the Heol Ceiniog store from 9am to 10am.

The Quieter Hour initiative has been created with the support of the National Autistic Society. Many people who are autistic or those with autistic children can find shopping in a supermarket an anxious experience.

Morrisons carried out a trial earlier in the year in three of its stores to find out what improvements can be made and to find a convenient time each week for the 'Quieter Hour' to take place.

They found one in five had a friend or family member with autism and many appreciated the option to shop at that time on a Saturday.

During Quieter Hours the store will: dim the lights; turn music and radio off; avoid making tannoy announcements; reduce movement of trolleys and baskets; turn checkout beeps and other electrical noises down; place a poster outside to tell customers it's Quieter Hour.

Morrisons will also work to improve awareness among colleagues of the issues autistic customers face in store. **MS**

Local housing association receives award from RNIB

NEWYDD Housing Association and its tenants living at Elis Fisher Court in Barry, can now live independently for longer, following innovative renovations which support those individuals living with sight loss.

The changes, which were internal and external, mean that Newydd have been awarded RNIB Cymru's 'Visibly Better' Platinum Award. This is the third Newydd scheme that has received this award.

Major external changes have been made to the scheme such as wide level access paths around the building, installing tactile paving and coloured handrails, as well as highlighting the path edgings, to ensure that tenants can safely navigate their way around the building to the garden without the potential for any slips, trips or falls.

Internally at Elis Fisher Court, Newydd have installed lighting which is controlled by movement sensors, window tinting and blinds to prevent glare, as well as new handrails to internal staircases and highlighting of internal stair treads to prevent falls.

Jason Wroe, housing director for Newydd, said: "As a responsible social landlord, we understand the importance of creating homes that not only offer somewhere safe, affordable and secure for tenants, but also a home that meets their needs.

"We are proud to receive the Visibly Better award from RNIB Cymru as it cements our commitment as an organisation to provide homes where tenants with sight loss can live independently for longer."

Working with RNIB Cymru, some Elis Fisher Court tenants were trained to become assessors and throughout the renovations ensured the work was up to standard and suitable for fellow tenants.

Ansley Workman, director of RNIB Cymru, added: "Our Visibly Better awards make a huge difference to the lives of tenants. Often the changes are very simple but lead to a reduction in falls and accidents.

"Although the standards are aimed at improving accessibility for people with sight loss, they will benefit a wide range of tenants including people with dementia or mobility problems.

"We know that one in five people aged 75 and over are living with sight loss, and that sight loss is set to double in the next 25 years. Congratulations to Elis Fisher Court for their award."

Newydd has two further Independent Living Schemes in Barry scheduled for renovation work to support its tenants with sight loss and provide them with the means to continue living independent lives.

For more information about Newydd and its Independent Living Schemes, visit www.newydd.co.uk

'Playing the Game' at Stanwell School

ON July 16 and 17, the whole of the junior children performed Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins JR* in front of two sell-out crowds at Stanwell School's auditorium.

After months of rehearsals for the year-6 children, they were very proud to let everyone's favourite nanny take centre stage in an adventure based on the award-winning Broadway musical and classic Walt Disney film.

The show started with the jack-of-all trades, Bert, introducing the audience to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. The scene quickly changes to a young Jane and Michael Banks, who have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep.

Using a combination of magic and commonsense, she teaches the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins took the audience on many magical and memorable adventures.

It isn't just Jane and Michael that Mary Poppins has a profound effect on, even grown-ups learnt a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that 'Anything can happen if you let it'.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of all the children who took part in Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins JR*.

It was an enchanting mixture of an irresistible story, fantastic dance routines and unforgettable songs.

A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and community for their support in making this year's performance such a success. It was practically perfect in every way.

LATCH golf day raises £7,500 for charity

It was the 22nd year for the event at the Glamorganshire Golf Club.

THE LATCH Welsh children's cancer charity annual charity golf day was held at Glamorganshire Golf Club on July 12, and more than 120 local business people and golf enthusiasts took part.

The charity golf day, which is now in its 22nd year, was a resounding success, with £7,500 raised during the day.

Phil Parker, who organises the event, said: "The sunshine made for a very memorable event and it was so good to meet up with friends from the golfing and business worlds to enjoy a day in aid of a charity that is so very close to my heart.

"The fact that we raised so much money is testament to the community spirit that is so strong in the golfing arena, and it's an absolute honour to be able to help support such a vital local charity.

"Along with the LATCH team, I would like to thank everyone who entered on the day and also to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it such a huge success."

For further information, visit www.latchwales.org.

'Bloomin' beautiful' in Porthcawl!

Jean Thomas, Akela, 1st Porthcawl Scouts; Dr George Foster and Jonathan Thomas admire the flower-filled boat.

READERS of The GEM might be aware that the little boat on the A4106 (Bridgend Road), just past the Porthcawl Town sign from Tythegston, is maintained by the Wilderness Allotments Association, Heol Y Godwig.

It is just one of the voluntary community activities for which the Wilderness was given the European Allotment Award last year.

During one of the hottest and driest summers on record, it has taken much effort by the three volunteers in the photograph to keep the boat looking beautiful for the thousands of visitors to Porthcawl.

The boat is a successful partnership between various organisations: Tools for Self-Reliance; BCBC Green Spaces; Sustainable Wales, 1st Porthcawl Scouts (Woodland Hall) and the Wilderness Allotments.

However, nothing could have been achieved this summer without the generosity of the neighbouring householder who allows the group to have water!

David Rowe, chairman, Wilderness Allotments Association.

MP's tribute to Welsh Guards

VALE MP Alun Cairns has paid tribute to the work the Welsh Guards are doing in Afghanistan.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP said in the Commons that he had recently spent time with the regiment in Kabul.

He said: "I saw at first hand the important role that our servicemen and women play in the UK's operations, and I pay tribute to them.

"Having seen the Welsh Guards in action in Afghanistan, I have nothing but admiration and respect for the work that they do.

"Additional support to help them embed the important steps they are taking to support the ongoing work of the Afghan Government will be extremely important.

"I pay tribute to them for the work they do."

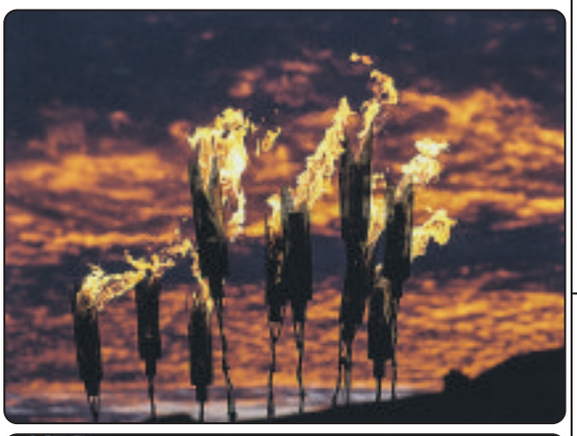
Michael Prosser

The Isle of Fire draws crowds to Barry Island

ONCE again, the Vale Council's 'Isle of Fire' event at Barry Island, this year sponsored by Admiral, proved to be popular with the crowds.

Local photographer Roger Harrison took these photos of the evening as it moved from dusk to darkness.

You can see more of Roger's work on *http://www.cariadus.com*



'Future is Bright' award winner Nora Hardy with Chris Parsons from New Directions.

'Inspired for Life' awards presented

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has held its first 'Inspired for Life' awards to celebrate the individuals, groups and organisations that help to improve the lives of local people.

A shortlist of nominees was drawn up after the public was invited to put forward contenders, before the winners in five award categories were chosen at the event held at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl.

The winners were:

Power of One award – Simon Green: Simon campaigns tirelessly for better awareness, better inclusion, and more accessibility for disabled people.

Made a Difference award – Community Furniture Aid: This Pontycymer based charity supply donated furniture to furnish homes for homeless and poverty stricken residents.

Future is Bright award – Nora Hardy: Nora is a 17-year-old pupil at Bryntirion Comprehensive who has contributed greatly to the wider community to help and inspire others. At just 18 months old, Nora needed a liver transplant, and as she has grown up has done wonders to raise awareness for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

Above and Beyond award – Geoff Cheetham: Geoff is passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of older people .

Innovation award – Maesteg Alternative Curriculum Base, Maesteg School: A small department of four staff work with pupils to provide physical, mental, social and educational support.

Thanks were given to BCBC partners Linc Cymru, New Directions, Sony UK Technology, BAVO and Sport Wales.

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RNLI lifeguards to patrol Porthcawl's beaches until 2021

A DEAL has been agreed for RNLI lifeguards to continue patrolling four Porthcawl beaches until the summer of 2021.

Coney Beach, Rest Bay, Trecco Bay and Pink Bay will all be covered by the RNLI's seasonal beach lifeguarding service.

The patrols will be jointly funded by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Porthcawl Town Council and Parkdean Resorts, with the RNLI covering additional costs through their national and local fund raising activities

Rest Bay, Coney Beach and Trecco Bay are being patrolled daily between 10am and 6pm until the end of the season on September 2, while lifeguards will patrol Pink Bay from Rest Bay when the tide allows. Once the tide prevents access to Pink Bay, the lifeguards will then undertake regular patrols from land.

For more information and advice on all aspects of beach and coastal safety visit the RNLI's Respect the Water campaign website at rnli.org/safety/respect-the-water.

'Aggressive robbery' at Brynhill Golf Club

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information about a robbery at Brynhill Golf Club on Sunday night (July 22).

Two males entered the golf club shortly before 11.40pm, where they grabbed a 39-year-old woman by the neck before making off with a money box and a quantity of bank notes from the till.

The males were both wearing hooded tops, and one was also wearing a pair of sunglasses.

Detective Inspector Terry Hopkins said: "This was an aggressive robbery committed against someone who was just doing her job. We are supporting the victim but are also determined to bring those responsible to justice.

"We would urge anyone with information to get in touch with us or to call Crimestoppers, anonymously."

Anyone with any information about this incident should call police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111, quoting reference 1800275602.

Porthcawl and Barry RNLI to the rescue

Porthcawl RNLI arrives to help. (Photo by Porthcawl RNLI).

A joint effort by Porthcawl and Barry RNLI volunteers rescued a yacht that was in danger of sinking five miles off shore.

At 8.10pm on Tuesday, July 24, Porthcawl and Barry Dock RNLI lifeboats launched to a 53ft yacht which had made a MAYDAY call as it was taking on water south of Nash Point.

Porthcawl's Atlantic 85 lifeboat, Rose of the Shires, was launched and located the casualty yacht about five miles south west of Nash Point.

Two volunteer crew members were put aboard with a salvage pump. They assessed the situation on board and managed to stem the ingress of water with the pump.

Upon the arrival of the larger Barry Dock lifeboat, the Atlantic 85 transferred two crew members from Barry Dock lifeboat onto the casualty vessel before recovering their own two crew members.

Porthcawl lifeboat then returned to station whilst the Barry Dock Lifeboat took the yacht under tow and back to Barry Dock for the skipper to carry out repairs.

Lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, Philip Missen, said, 'The casualty yacht crew did the right thing by putting out the MAYDAY call as soon as they were aware of taking in water.

"This allowed us and Barry Dock lifeboat to located and manage the situation and avoid a possible sinking of the casualty vessel'.

Ay up m'duck – YOU'VE WON!

RECORD crowds attended Charity Duck Race and Summer Fete, at the Knap Gardens on July 21.

The organisers of the event, The Rotary Club of Barry, wish to thank all those who attended. Everyone had a great day, including the ducks.

The winning ducks are: Race 1 duck number 1415, Race 2 duck number 964, Race 3 duck number 1142. The sponsors of the winning ducks have already been notified.

See next week's GEM for more 'quacking" photos.

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VALE AM ENJOYS A CWTCH!

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently joined the Cwtch Peer Support Group at the Vale Hub in Barry to learn more from members affected by depression and/or anxiety about the ways they support each other.

Jane Hutt said: "It was so good to find out more about this self help group which means so much to its members meeting every week at the Vale Hub and always welcoming new members."

The photo shows Jane Hutt AM with the Cwtch Cymru Barry Peer Support Group.

NSPCC trustees thank 'their local'

Liz and Andy (centre) with their award.

SINCE the St Hilary and District branch of the NSPCC was formed in 2016, Andy and Liz, proprietors of the Bush in the village of St Hilary, have been unstinting supporters.

In June 2016, Andy cycled the 140-mile Dragon Ride in aid of the NSPCC and pedalled his way to raising more than £1,500.

Liz was fundamental in organising the St Hilary and District Ball at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge in May 2017. She helped with the logistical elements of organising the event, selling the tables and obtaining raffle prizes, including donating the family holiday villa abroad for a week as one of the prizes.

Her organisational skills are incredible and she worked with the St Hilary and District committee to create a fantastic event, raising over £12,000.

Andy and Liz are amazingly supportive of all the NSPCC's fundraising activities in St Hilary and promote all NSPCC events at The Bush Inn. Their support has been hugely appreciated by both the St Hilary committee and the Cardiff branch.

As a result, they need to be congratulated for receiving an award from the NSPCC trustees in recognition of their fundraising efforts. Well done Andy and Liz!

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A summer's evening walk for Penarth and District Ramblers

ON a beautiful sunny, hot and still evening, a group of 16 walkers and Mervyn the spaniel joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers at St Andrews Major Primary School recently.

After welcoming some of the people who walk with Geraint on the Dinas Powys walks on Wednesday evenings, which have now finished, they set off down the Westra.

Carefully avoiding the traffic, a metal gateway led them onto what was part of the St Andrews Major golf course but is now privately owned with its large flock of black sheep quietly grazing.

Following the public right of way where it has been marked out by a tape fence in places and emerging onto the golf course, they enjoyed some friendly banter with two male players as they waited for them to play their shots before moving on.

Because the public footpath at this point is blocked with thick vegetation, they made their way past the driving range, and followed the path behind the clubhouse adjacent to the Coldbrook River onto Argae Lane.

Crossing Pont y Rhydyll, they walked up the driveway passing cows and sturdy calves, sprawled out enjoying the evening sunshine in the adjoining fields.

They arrived at Biglis farmhouse and its stone barn, built in the late 18th or early 19th century, but since then has been remodelled and both buildings are Grade II listed.

Passing below the main Cardiff to Barry railway line and heading through a metal gate, a small herd of inquisitive bullocks followed the group half way across the field and then gave up in the heat. A stile led them to the distinctive red and yellow bricked Biglis Pumphouse, opened in 1899.

Negotiating a narrow path through tall foliage beside the banks of the Cadoxton River, they went into fields beside Cardiff Road and along a narrow path through trees into Parc Bryn y Don where the popular skate park was opened in 2007.

Circumnavigating the field that contains the cricket pitch and exiting into Cae'r Odyn, some pavement walking at Heol y Frenhines and Cardiff Road led them into Station Road and up onto Dinas Powys Common.

Walking on slightly higher ground with its grand views towards the Bristol Channel and Sully meant they were able to catch and enjoy the slight breeze for the short walk back to their start.

On July 28, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 7.5-mile moderate walk from Cyfarthfa Castle taking in Morlais Castle and the Taff Fechan Valley; contact John on 01446 418514.

On July 29, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11.5-mile hard walk taking in Sugar Loaf, Partrishow Church and Crug Mawr; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On August 2, meet at 6.30pm at the Visitors Centre, Cosmeston Country Park for a four-mile easy/moderate walk taking in Lavernock beach and Swanbridge; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

For up to date information, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or access Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Bluebirds revive plan for training base in the Vale

CARDIFF City Football Club could finally get permission to start work on a new training ground this week.

The Bluebirds want to build the new training ground in the Vale on council-owned agricultural land south-west of Junction 34 of the M4.

The Vale Council's planning committee will discuss the first part of the plans, which would include 15 pitches on land opposite Hensol Villas, on Thursday (July 26).

The club also wants to build a two-storey training centre in the middle of the new ground, with 123 car parking spaces, but this is subject to a separate planning application.

Vale Council officers have advised the committee to approve permission for the 15 pitches, across a 44 acre site, subject to conditions.

There have been 19 letters of objection sent to the council since the planning application was first submitted in 2013.

Concerns raised by residents include the new training ground's proximity to neighbouring properties, potential floodlighting, flooding issues and 'noise levels and disturbance including obscene language,' a council report says.

Pendoylan Community Council has also raised concerns about noise and increase in traffic resulting from the development, and has objected to using the land for non-agricultural purposes.

The training centre, which will be decided on another date, would include a gym, pool, treatment rooms and dining rooms.

There would also be spectator terraces for overlook the first team pitches to the west of the training ground and for academy pitches to the east.

Plans for the new training ground were originally submitted following Cardiff City's promotion to the Premier League in 2013.

The Bluebirds were relegated in the 2013-14 season, but won promotion back to the top flight last season.

They play their first game back in the Premier League away at Bournemouth on August 11.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

BINGO AFTERNOON

THE management committee of Rhoose Community Hall in Stewart Road is holding another of its fundraising bingo afternoons on Saturday, July 28; doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

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Hovercraft arrives at Penarth 50 years ago

WORLD history was made on Penarth beach on Monday, July 22, 1963 when the SRN2 hovercraft flew into land for P & A Campbell Ltd to start a cross channel ferry service to Weston super Mare for the first time.

The experimental service was to last over the summer months, in tandem with the regular paddle steamer excursions operated by *Cardiff Queen* and *Bristol Queen*.

This unusual vessel was built by Westland Aircraft, in essence to establish the viability of such craft. The Saunders/Roe Number 2 had trials in Canada and one advantage here was that this hovering wonder could operate any time of the tide practically anywhere.

Floating on a cushion of air and weighing 27 tons, it could accommodate up to 70 passengers and travel at over 80 miles per hour. The journey time from Penarth to Weston was just over 10 minutes!

This was no doubt the brainchild of Sydney Clifton Smith-Cox, the managing director of P & A Campbell Ltd, and provided a considerable amount of publicity for a company that just a few years before was in receivership.

There were drawbacks though – the small number of passengers it could carry (compared with 1,000-plus on the big paddle steamers), the noise it generated and mechanical glitches. At the end of a six-week season, the hovercraft flew away again and did not return to the Severn Sea!

The hovercraft story did not end there because P & A Campbell commenced hovercraft services on the south coast of England to a number of locations and across to France, operated by the SRN6 named after the former flagship of the White Funnel Fleet "*Britannia*". She 'flew' from Dover, Hastings and Margate to Calais on a 'no passport' arrangement. This service operated between 1966 and 1967.

Meanwhile back at Penarth, the arrival of SRN2 was no doubt greeted with pleasure by the local school children – who had the day off to witness the event. Civic dignatories, of course, turned out in number. The local press got excited too – "History was in the making – THE THING IS HERE!", The single fare to Weston was £1 (very expensive for the time) and return ticket – out by hovercraft – back by steamer set you back 27/6d. Another drawback – at Penarth beach anyway – was that the force of the draught caused pebbles to fly all over the place.

The vessel was 65 feet in length and 30 feet in breadth and powered by four Bristol Siddeley Nimbus turboshaft engines of 815 horsepower each.

A number of proposed hovercraft schemes have emerged from time to time but nothing much has resulted. Now, with practically no maritime excursions here it is surprising how many local residents remember the events of 55 years ago to this day.

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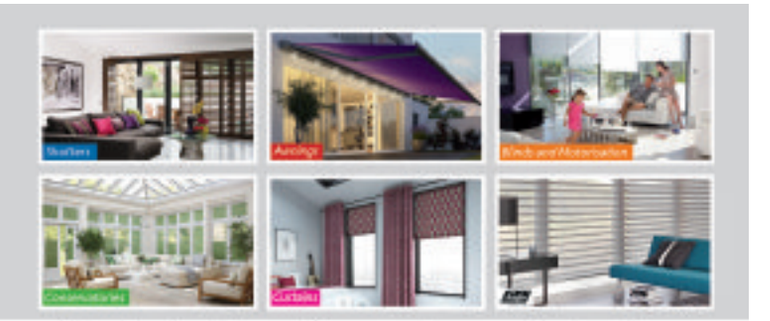

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BENTON
Shirley

Passed away peacefully on 10th July 2018 at the University Hospital of Wales, aged 82 years. Devoted wife of the late Geoff, loving mum of Giles and Julian. Beloved sister of Haydn and Graham. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A service in celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powys at 1.30pm, followed thereafter by a burial in St Andrew's Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers, if so desired, can be made to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice c/o Green Willow.

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POPE
Ruth

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BOLTON
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Brian

Mary, Jane and Anita would like to thank family and friends for their support, cards and messages at this sad time. Also to everyone who was able to attend the celebration of Brian's life.

Special thanks to Dr. Rayani, district nurses and Marie Curie Day and Night Home Care, A.G. Adams Funeralcare and Kate Weston who took the humanist ceremony.

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Mark

Chris, Alex, Adam and Aziz would like to thank all their friends, family and neighbours for the kindness shown to them after Mark's sudden death.

For the many cards, flowers, messages of condolence and offers of support.

Grateful thanks to Canon David Brunning and everyone who was able to join us in the celebration of Mark's life.

Thanks to Jenny from W A Brown Funeralcare.

FULCHER
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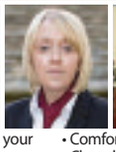

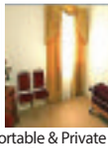

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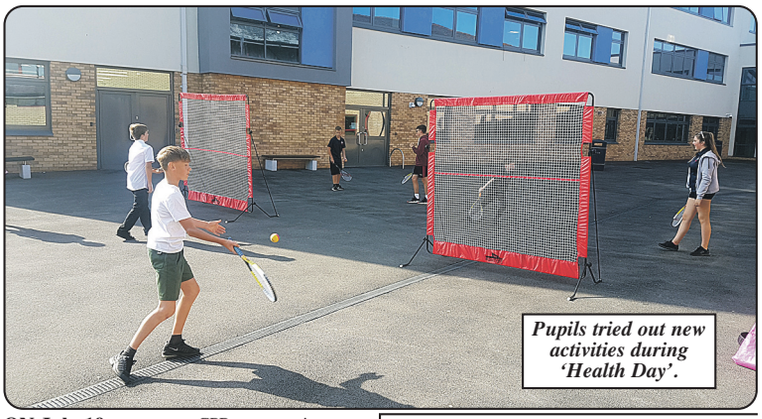
Llantwit Major pupils try out a 'health day'



Pupils tried out new activities during 'Health Day'.

ON July 19, Llantwit Major School pupils held in a 'health day', when took part in different sessions, including squash, Tae Kwon Do, Irish dancing and mindfulness.

The aim was to get pupils to try different types of activities to develop new skills, which may inspire and encourage them to get more involved in exercise and healthy living.

Some of the students said: "Meditation was quiet and relaxing, not like a usual day in school!" – Shanti (year-9).

"I enjoyed the first aid session as we were trained by experienced St John's Ambulance staff and got to practise CPR compressions on resuscitation Annie dolls."– Chloe (year-8).

"We learned that sugar isn't always where you think it is… for example, there are 10 teaspoons of sugar in a cup of fruit juice, which is more than in a can of Coke!" – Joe (year-9).

"We finished first in orienteering but ended up coming second as our maths let us down. We realised that we need to be academic and athletic to get far in life!" – Rhys (year-8).

With so many inspirational sessions, pupils have learned that being healthy is not hard work and it can be a lot of fun! Remember: it's never too early or too late to work towards being the healthiest you.

Mrs E Richards and Tia-Jade Allen (year-10)

Stitching session to be held for Remembrance

THIS year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Llantwit Major Town Council will be honouring the occasion in a number of ways, one of which is with the Commemorative Wall Hanging, which we are in the process of creating a patchwork from single poppies that have been made by individuals and groups in the community.

The Wall Hanging will be hung from the Town Hall on Remembrance Sunday and then later displayed inside the Town Hall.

If you have purchased a textile square, please return it to the Town Hall on completion. Textile squares are for sale in the Town Hall at £1 and all proceeds will be donated to The Poppy Appeal.

Our next 'stitching session' will be held at 2pm on August 22, in Llantonian Hall. We hope to have as many squares as possible returned for this sitting.

We are also appealing for any World War One memorabilia that you may have for an exhibition that will be held over the Remembrance Weekend. The 'Memorial Exhibition' will be displayed from November 8-11 and will include memorabilia, photographs and art work from local artists and schools.

If you have anything that you would like to contribute please contact the Town Council on 01446 793707 or email lm.tc@btconnect.com

A jolly affair for Boverton WI

THE July meeting of Boverton WI was a jolly affair – not least because of the beautiful weather and the usual tea and biscuits were replaced by prosecco, crisps and line dancing.

President Joan reminded everyone about the afternoon tea at West House Hotel on Thursday, August 9. This will take the place of the August meeting and give everyone an excuse to dress up.

The November meeting will be on Saturday, November 17 for a trip to Hereford where there will be ample opportunity to shop for Christmas.

On Monday, September 3, there will be an evening at the Hotter shoe shop in Cardiff with wine, nibbles, a personal fitting service and 30 per cent off any purchases made. There will also be a raffle and a goody bag at the end of the evening.

Joan announced that one of the members, Alice Thomas of St Donats, celebrated her 90th birthday recently, so happy birthday wishes go to her.

At the September meeting, there will be a demonstration on gift wrapping and the book stall will open to boost funds.

With the business of the evening concluded, it was line dancing time. The floor was cleared, first came the instructions, then the taking part. A large portion of members quickly got the hang of it and the advantage is you do not need a partner.

It is also a good form of excercise, especially for the more mature, as it improves mental skills, you have to memorise the steps and it is one of the best activities for total body wellness. It proved to be very popular.

The raffle was won by Anne Fry and Joyce Bruten.

Boverton WI meet on the second Thursday of each month in Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm and guests are always made welcome.

WJ

An open day to view restored Saron Chapel

THE wonderful Saron Chapel in Treoes will be re-opening very soon after significant support from Heritage Lottery to restore it, and return it to its former glory of the 18th century.

The Deacons, trustees and management committee of Saron Chapel, Treoes, offer a warm invitation to everyone to visit Saron Chapel on Saturday, August 11, anytime between 10am-2pm to walk around and see for themselves the beautiful newly-renovated Chapel.

Visitors are welcome to learn how funding was achieved, see many fascinating historical photos and facts obtained by the History Society.

A highlight of the day will be the opportunity to view the recently-restored Peter Williams Family Bible which was associated with the establishment of Saron in 1831. Tea/coffee will be awaiting your visit!

If you would like to know more about the history of the chapel, also the fascinating history of the village of Treoes go to www.friendsofsarontreoes.wales

PW

Barry golfer Stephen lands Seniors Open title in Germany

BARRY'S Stephen Dodd showed his class as he won the Seniors Open competition in Schwerin, Germany – his third European Seniors tour win in successive years.

The 52-year-old started in superb fashion and hit rounds of 64 and 66 on the opening two days of the tournament to put him in pole position heading into the final day.

However, it would be a nerve-wracking final day for the Welshman after he hit a round of 71.

He had his lead cut to just three shots after some fine golf from Frenchman Jean-Francois Remesey, who was closing-in on the Cardiff-born golfer.

But to Dodd's relief, he stayed firm to secure his biggest payout of the year, earning a total of €51,693 after showcasing some brilliant golf over the three days.

What made it all the more special for Dodd was the fact he secured the title on the day of his 52nd birthday.

Speaking of the win, Dodd described his delight and admitted coming into the final day with a seven-shot lead helped him massively.

"It got close after about nine or 10 holes and it got me thinking a little bit, but I made some nice birdies early on the back nine, which helped me.

"You can't win a tournament on Friday, you have to do it on Sunday, and when I needed to hit good shots, I hit good shots.

"I felt comfortable, but I had everything to lose today to be honest, there was nothing to gain leading by seven shots," Dodd told the European tour.

In the aftermath of his win, Dodd was back out playing at Brynhill Golf Club this week and had time to reflect on the golf he played at the seniors competition.

"It just all clicked for me really and I felt I played some really good golf throughout the few days in Germany."

The win was Dodd's third European Senior Tour win, after winning by a stroke in Meriden last year – the Welshman also won the Seniors Open in Italy two years ago, finishing on a total of nine-under par, beating fellow Welshman Phillip Price in the process.

JOSHUA SLACK

Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE latest results for the Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

July10: First, Reg Dyer and Dave Thomas, 61.67 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Tim Barsby, 60.83 per cent; third, Noelle Bond and Jenny Vaughan, 57.07 per cent.

The handicap winners were Reg Dyer and Dave Thomas.

July 17: First, Peter Millar and Mick Green, 61.67 per cent; second, Adrian and Diana Trickey, 57.50 per cent; Sarah Amos and Jenny Vaughan, 56.25 per cent.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

LH

Good week for bowlers

OVERALL it was a good week for the Villagers of Sully Bowls Club, with an unusually-shaped side going down heavily to Windsor on a very slick green on Wednesday, winning on the last end on Saturday away to Trelewis and winning a quarter-final match against Barry Central in the Alun Martin.

Wednesday brought an unusual mix of players to Windsor to a green with no green in it - the surface was so fast (17 seconds) which is indoor pace that a lot of the Villagers took too long to find out how to bowl on it.

Only worthy of note was the rink of R Fitzjohn, E Pryer, A Smith and D Edwards winning 17-14 in an overall 51-95 loss.

Saturday came and we travelled to Trelewis, the side who had beaten us at home in our first league match, but with a few holiday-makers returning, a stronger side travelled.

On the fifth and 10th ends, Sully were a handful of shots up, but by 15 ends this had swung the other way and the Villagers were three down.

They stuck to the task in hand, clawing back the deficit - with three rinks of the green all losing, we were 10 down, but D Curtis' rink were 10 up with an end to play which they went on to win, holding shot for an 79-80 away win.

Scores: G John, R Fitzjohn, A Thomas, D Curtis 26-15; A Smith, D Curtin, M Hardy, B Griffiths 16-21; B Curtis, A Rees, T Murphy, D Edwards 19-22; J Best, J Hubbard, D Hotchkiss, F Phillips 19-21.

This was Garth Johns' last game for a while for us and we all wish him well.

Sunday brought the two rink Alun Martin quarter-final against Barry Central played in Sully - enough to say a comfortable win was had on both rinks.

The semi-final is to be played this Sunday at 2.30pm in Sully against old adversaries Dinas Powys.

The Villagers are away on Saturday to Millwood in Barry.

TM

Big win for Belle Vue Bowling Club

BELLE VUE secured another big win in the Cardiff league against Caerphilly Bowling Club recently, with the final score 98 to 33.

All four rinks won well in the summer sunshine.

Rink two won their rink 22-8. Lead was Dave Bradley, No 2 was Graham Duggan, No 3 was Richard Brant and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three won their rink by 25–7, playing with one man short and after adjustment, they won well. Lead was Paul Booth, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink four won their rink 28–8. Lead was Colin Scammell, No 2 was skipper sub Dave Rappitt, No 3 was Paul Paterson; skip was Frank Keen.

Rink five won 23–10. Lead was Len Fowler, No 2 was Gordon Ford, No 3 Gerry Field and skip was Dave Purser.

Thanks go to Caerphilly for making it a friendly afternoon of bowling and to Malcolm Thomas and Gerry Field for the buffet.

On July 18, Belle Vue entertained Llantwit Major Bowling Club in a Munro Cup match in a close game.

After score adjustment, Belle Vue lost by 9 shots, having played with two men short.

Rink two lost 23-9; lead was Colin Scammell, No. 2 was new player Barrie Roberts; No. 3 was captain Paul Paterson and skip was Frank Keen.

Rink three won their rink 18-14. Lead was Dave Bradley, No.2 was Dave Huntley, No. 3 was Gordon Ford and skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink five won 17-8, after score adjustment, playing a man short. Lead was paul Booth, No.3 was Dave Smith and the skip was John Whitfield.

Paul Paterson thanked everyone for a good game and Malcolm for the food.

Local cadets to represent area in national regatta

BARRY Sea Cadets took part in the Area Sailing Regatta at Tata Steel Sailing Club near Port Talbot recently, and one of the crews has qualified to represent the South West Area in the National Regatta to be held in Southport in September.

The Area Regatta has representatives from units as far afield as Falmouth and Coventry competing in various classes of sailing boats for the honor of representing their area at national level.

Able Cadet Richardson and Cadet 1st class Edwards, who train at the Barry Community Water Activity Centre, were competing in the 18 boat Quest Class and finished in second place which qualifies them for the next stage, the National Regatta.

Cdt Edwards said: "I'm very excited and looking forward to training even harder, so as we can try and improve on our fourth place at last year's National sail."

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

'HAVE horses will travel' is certainly the motto of Pembrokeshire trainer Peter Bowen.

At Cartmel last Saturday he took the first two races when his *Mac Tottie* under champion jockey Richard Johnson won the opening Cartmel Lodge Park Novices' Hurdle at odds of 7-2 and around 40 minutes or so later, his *Wells De Lune* the 11-4 favourite won the Banks Lyon Jewellers Lady Riders' Handicap Hurdle by one and a quarter lengths from *Innocent Touch*.

Wells De Lune was partnered by Jodie Hughes, 34, who is no stranger to the Vale, having ridden many point-to-point winners in the past at the Glamorgan and Ystrad Taf Fechan hunt meetings.

However, it was at Market Rasen that Bowen had his biggest success when his eight-year-old *More Buck's*, ridden by his son Sean Bowen, landed the 188Bet Summer Plate Handicap Chase worth £28,475 to the winner.

At the finish, *More Buck's*, a 6-1 chance, had half-a-length to spare over the bottom weighted *Too Many Diamonds* a winner of its previous three races.

At Sunday's Newton Abbot meeting Chepstow trainer Robert Stephens won the opening At The Races Sky 415 Maiden Hurdle with *Push The Tempo* who was ridden by T J O'Brien.

James Bowen, Sean Bowen's younger brother, riding the four-year-old *Tidal Watch* for the legendary Jon Jo O'Neill, won the Racing Partnership TRP Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams landed the opening Mazak Novices' Handicap Chase at Worcester on June 17 with his six-year-old *Dark Invader* who, under stable jockey Adam Wedge, won by half-a-length from *Comanche Chieftan*.

Dark Invader was returned the 9-4 favourite. Another Welsh trainer, Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen, took the following Mazak & PP Going Forward Together Novices' Chase with *Sourivan,* who ridden by his son Sean Bowen, came home three lengths ahead of *Scoop The Pot*. *Sourivan* was a 3-1 chance in a field of just four runners.

Eric the Third is first

***ERIC The Third,* trained at Aberthin by Tim Vaughan, landed the BetFred TV Conditional Jockeys' Handicap at Uttoxeter last week.**

The nine-year-old won by half-a-length from *Scotsbrook Night* in a field of nine and partnered by the talented Richard Patrick, went off the 11-10 favourite.

Molly Jones, who recently won at Chepstow for trainer Matt Salaman at odds of 50-1, ridden this time by Tony Clark, got home by a neck at Bath Races at the much shorter odds of 8-1 when beating the second favourite, *Broadhaven Honey*.

Special Olympics Golf hold annual golf tournament

JULY 9 saw golfers from around England and Wales compete at the Special Olympics Wales annual golf tournament at St Andrews Major Golf Club.

Cllr Janice Charles, Mayor of Barry, was present to welcome everyone to the tournament.

All golfers were introduced at the tee by John Hastings, the golf professional at the club, and in the first group two Welsh golfers teed off. They were Sam Lazenbury (Barry) and Matthew Sims (Cardiff), and in the second group was James Savory (Barry).

The nine hole competition saw Gareth Lloyd and Mark Eveleigh both from Barry in Division 2 and Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) in Division 3.

After all the rounds were completed, everyone sat down for a meal prepared by McGrath Catering followed by the presentation.

Matthew Sims finished second and Sam Lazenbury third in the 18 hole Division One competition, while in the 18 hole Division Two event, James Savory took first place.

In the nine-hole competition, Division One, Matthew Prewett took third place, in Division Two Gareth Lloyd came second and Mark Eveleigh third; Division Three saw Adrian Abbott finish second.

Special Olympics Wales would like to thank Cllr Charles, and McGrath Catering.

We now return to St Andrews Major Golf Club to prepare for our next competition under the watchful eye of John Hasting.

The golfers would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and staff of the St Andrews Major Golf Club for the warm welcome they receive at the club every week.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteer the sports we cover within Special Olympics Cardiff & Vale group are: Badminton, Bocce, Boccia, Indoor Bowls, Golf, Artistic Gymnastics, Sprint Kayaking, 10 Pin Bowling and Swimming.

Please contact Jeff Savory at specialolympicswales@gmail.com or 0780 316 5581.

JS

Lady bowlers are kept busy

ON Tuesday, Llantwit Major Bowls Club's ladies played a one-day competition, The H & J Semmens Trophy.

Everyone had an enjoyable day with Carol Margaret and Julie winning comfortably with seven out of the eight possible points.

On Thursday the Llantwit Major ladies welcomed their old rivals from Cowbridge for a league game. It was a lovely afternoon but disappointing for Llantwit Major ladies.

Ann, Mo, Etta and Gill started of well but lost the lead on the seventh end and never recovered losing 14-24.

With a deficit of 10 to make up the other two teams worked hard but did not quite make it.

Liz, Margaret, Marilyn and Julie edged into the lead on the fourth end winning 15-11.

Dilys, Eryl, Helen, and Carol struggled until the lucky 13th end going into the lead and keeping it to win 22-18.

With the teams score 51-53 to Cowbridge they claimed six points and Llantwit Major four.

A lovely tea followed the game and Llantwit ladies look forward to there last game for 2018 with Cowbridge in August.

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16 16 BMW M235 I Convertible Sport Automatic, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, black, full red leather..... **£20995**
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16 16 BMW 420i M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, BMW warranty June 2019, pro nav, 18"alloys, 18k, choice, full leather **£19995**
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14 14 BMW 520D M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr, pro nav, 20"alloys, panoramic roof, 40k, white, full leather **£19495**
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CONVERTIBLE

16 66 BMW 640 3.0 DM Sport Convertible Automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 20"alloys, reverse assist camera, white, full leather **£33995**

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17 17 MINI CLUBMAN 1.5 COOPER 5dr, MINI warranty May 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 8k, white....£14995

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CONVERTIBLE

15 65 MINI ROADSTER 1.6 S Convertible, 17"black alloys, heated seats, silver, half-leather £12995

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The 12th Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles event is a success

NOW in its 12th year, the Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles took place at RAF Brize Norton over the weekend of July 13-15.

Lez was an Airforce Sergeant and Wales' top ten-pin bowler at the time of his death, aged just 38, and was about to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne, Australia when his life was cut short.

Last year was the first time the tournament had been staged at RAF Brize Norton and it was such a success it was decided to put this year's event there again too.

It got off to a sad start due to the untimely death of our scorer and Tenpin Bowling Association of Wales webmaster Brian Burdett the night before the event.

A quiet character who always worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the scores and statistics up to date, he will certainly be missed by all the bowlers.

RAF Brize Norton is a 12-lane bowling alley and everyone attending needed a pass to get on to the base, these were duly organised by bowl manager Steve Morgan.

Last year saw 88 entries but a clash with the Air Tattoo in Fairford meant that some were working, resulting in 81 teams.

All teams play six games each and the highest scores plus handicaps are declared the winners. The first squad started at 6pm on the Friday and saw some great scores from Dave Wellsteed, which meant he and son Pip were leading with 2773.

The tournament raises money for the British Heart Foundation from just entries alone and this total plus the money from two raffles over the weekend saw over £600 raised last year.

The Saturday morning squad saw the lead change to local bowlers Dave Chapman and Chris Smith shooting 2822.

A fantastic display from top Welsh lady bowler Louise Roberts saw her narrowly missing the elusive 300 by hitting a 299 in the second squad of the day on lanes one and two.

However, other teams put in a good display with the ex-RAF team of Vets Southerners featuring Kev Hunter and Paul Caddy shooting 2830 to rise above Dave and Chris.

Still the good scores kept coming and Peter Bice, returning after a year's lay-off due to being knocked off his bicycle, shot 1109. Along with his partner Marilyn Codd, they ended up leading on 2865.

These scores were short-lived as Chris Lee shot a creditable 1300 and, with last year's winner Mike Williams shooting 1135, they found themselves leading with 2897.

Sunday was another hot day in the bowl and although bowlers tried, they could not catch the leaders. They had also previously won this event when it was staged in Rhondda Bowl in 2012.

Mike Williams has won the event three times and Chris Lee has won it an impressive four times, as he won it in 2015 and 2016 along with his father Tony Lee.

Louise Roberts won the High Game Handicap with 325 and High Series Handicap with 814 and her winnings of £50 were kindly donated back to the British Heart Foundation.

Kylie Bromley donated a further £50 to the charity, which brings the total raised to £687.60, almost matching last year's total.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my friend, Sarah MacPherson, who kindly stepped in at the last minute to keep the scoring up to speed - Brian would have been proud of you. Not only that but she was also escorting people both on and off base too.

Lastly thank you to the bowl manager Steve Morgan and deputy Dave Kirby for the running of the bowl and machinery over the weekend and the Station Commander of RAF Brize Norton for agreeing to us running the event there once again.

KR

Chess club to hold open evening

THE Barry Chess Club is pleased to announce its first open evening.

The idea is to enable people to see what chess can offer them in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend as there will be Barry Chess Club members present to assist or compete as required and refreshments can be purchased from the bar.

The evening takes place on Monday, August 6 at Barry West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY between 6.30pm-9.30pm.

PJ

Millwood Bowls Club round-up

WEDNESDAY saw Millwood travel to Penarth for the weekly instalment of the Munro Cup.

As was expected we were faced with a rink in good condition and lightning-fast speed and try as we might across all four rinks we were unable to match the home side with their superior knowledge of how to handle the conditions, and sank virtually without trace on all rinks to give the home team all 14 points on offer.

On Saturday the club side travelled to Cardiff to play St Albans in a Division 3 fixture with some importance at the bottom of the division.

All rinks played well but managed at vital times to concede scores which changed the direction of the result and with the honourable exception of Alan Bumford's rink, who scored a 2 on the last end to take victory by one shot and saved the side from a whitewash, as we all know on another day the result could easily have gone our way, St Albans earning 12 points to Millwood's two.

Meanwhile back at Millwood for a Division 6 fixture, Ynysybwl were the visitors and with both sides towards the top of the table there was everything to play for.

After a slow start and being six shots down after five ends, Tony Williams and his rink took control and after 13 ends led 17 shots to 6, easing to a 20 shots to 12 victory.

Geoff Stone and his rink took control of their match from the start and did not look back, running out comfortable winners 21 shots to 8.

Paul Ross and his rink had a struggle with their opponents, never quite managing to get ahead and finalyl losing 18 shots to 12, but pride of place on the day goes to Derek Gorringe, Keith Davies and Keith Thomas, who overcame their four opponents easily, 23 shots to 12, without being behind all afternoon.

A quite brilliant effort by the team saw them winning by 76 shots to 50 shots and taking 12 points in the process.

Well done to all concerned, the team are still challenging for promotion.

BH

Old keeper returns to Barry Town

BARRY Town United have announced that former player Lee Kendall has joined the management team as first team goalkeeping coach.

Supporters will remember Kendall's spell between the sticks at Jenner Park, having been signed on loan from Crystal Palace by then-manager Peter Nicholas.

Making his debut in the 2-0 UEFA Cup qualifying round defeat at future Portuguese champions Boavista on August 10, 2000, Kendall was part of some unique trivia that season, playing for Barry against a Cwmbran Town side that fielded his father Mark, the former Tottenham Hotspur shotstopper.

Kendall returns to Barry Town from JD Welsh Premier League champions The New Saints, where he spent six months as goalkeeping coach, while he also brings much experience from his time with the FA, FAW, Sheffield United, Cardiff City, Bristol City and others.

Gavin Chesterfield commented: "I'm pleased to have Kends join the backroom team. I've known him for a long time and seen his quality first hand, he's a significant boost to our already strong coaching staff and I'm looking forward to working with him."

Kendall added: "I loved my time at Barry as a player - my abiding memory was how fantastic the supporters were. When Gav asked me to come back to the club, I had no hesitation in accepting the offer.

"I hope I can play a small part in helping the club to continue their ever-building success."

ASHLEY COX

Tomy strikes gold!

TOMY JOSHUA (aged seven) from Brynffrwyd, Bryncethin, who attends Bryncethin Primary School, became an under-8s gold medalist at Sophia Gardens on Saturday, July 14 - it was his first-ever gold medal.

On his way to the final he had to beat the reigning Welsh gold medalist and the reigning British champion under-25kg; he also had to beat the boy he had narrowly lost 1-0 to in the previous Welsh competition so it was a tough challenge.

Tomy was fighing on two mat as he was also fighting in the under-10s mixed boys, where he managed to come away with a bronze medal.

Tomy also fought alongside his team-mates and came away with a bronze medal in the under-10s team event.

Tomy is curently part of the Welsh Shotokan organisation WSKO, and trains up to four days a week under the Ystrad Rhondda Shotokan Karate Club under sensai Gerwin Harries - all information of club and instructors can be found on www.wsko.org

Tomy has been training in karate from the age of five and he is now at 6th kyu green belt. He has won many bronze and silver medals, and has fought in many competitions under the WKGB, the only recognised governing body by WKF and the Olympics.

RJ

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 23:

1st Linda Pinnock & Marjorie Morris 59.38%, 2nd Sue Norris & Su Summerhayes 56.88%, 3rd Simon & Debbie Richards 55.83%.

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Centurions' first team are back to winning ways

SULLY Centurions made the short trip down to Hayes Point and returned to winning ways with a comfortable victory over neighbours Barry Wanderers.

Wanderers batted first and lost a couple of early wickets before Tillbrook (70) and Kunal (36) shared a century third wicket stand.

Unfortunately for the home side, out of the remaining batsmen, only Hassett, with 19, reached double figures and they were all out for 179.

For Centurions, Gareth Thomas (4 for 25) Lloyd Bruce (3 for 47) and Jake Griffett, with 2 for 36, did most of the damage.

In reply, Gethin Hicks (16) and Rhett Jones put on 68 for the first wicket and Jones (63) went on to share another half-century partnership with Calum Thomas (33) leaving the score at a healthy 124 for 2.

After a middle order wobble, which saw three wickets go down for 13 runs, David Goodway (19 not out) Tom Edwards (22) and Alfie Lee (10 not out) saw Centurions home with plenty of overs to spare.

Barry Wanderers 179 all out, Sully Centurions 185-5.

The second XI took on Wanderers second XI at Burnham Avenue in the reverse fixture and took maximum points in a very one-sided affair.

Batting first, Centurions lost Tom Davies when he was forced to retire hurt after pulling a hamstring after scoring 10.

However, this brought Ben Spear and Russell Thomas together and they began what was to prove an unbeatable partnership.

The Wanderers' fielders were wilting in the heat as time and again Thomas and Spear found the boundary, eventually putting on an amazing 250 runs for the first wicket.

Ben Spear eventually went for 112, being caught off the bowling of Fagg, for what was to be the only wicket. The innings closed on a remarkable 281 for1.

After tea, Wanderers set about making inroads on the target. Howells (36) Allen (10) and Singh (21) put up some resistance, but once they were out wickets began falling with regularity.

For Sully, Jason Hicks ended on 3 for 20. Ben Spear added to his batting heroics by returning figures of 3 for 8 in just three overs.

With contributions from Aron Arthur (2-15) Nathan Cuddihy (1-22) and Iwan Thomas (1-15) Centurions wrapped up the 149 run victory with nine overs to spare.

Sully Centurions second 281-1, Barry Wanderers seconds 132 all out.

On Saturday, both sides face Machen, with the first XI playing at home and the second XI away. Once again, all players are reminded to let the captains know their availability.

MF

Narrow loss for Windsor first team

THE Penarth Windsor first team suffered a narrow four shot defeat in their home match against Rhiwbina.

It was a match which they had high hopes of winning so as to consolidate their league position. There were good wins for Ken McLeod with Mike Matthews, Clive Palfrey and Rod Hudson by 30 shots to 9 and for Graham Carlisle with Tom Evans, Phil Gooding and David Rees, 20-17.

It was, however, a heavy defeat for Tony Holmes with Steve Ellard, Mal Hope and Paul Gunter, 29-10, and for Matt Woodcock with Richard Flitney, Pete Morrish and Ian Paterson, 21-12.

Four points were gained for the two rink wins and all points will be valuable in this league.

It was a double for Rhiwbina as their second team comfortably saw off the Windsor team by 90 shots to 61.

Captain Simon Latham with Dave Johnson, Alan Davies and Mike Cuccinello managed a draw but apart from that there were defeats on the other three rinks.

Dave Howells with Brin Peregrine, Alan Davies and Charlie Lewis 17-30; Derek Davies with Arty Woodcock, Keith Williams, and Dave Hales 16-19; Brian Rogers with Tim White, John Hardess and Charles Burton 12-25.

The Alliance team also suffered a heavy defeat away to Cardiff by 78 shots to 49 but there were wins on two rinks - Brian Rogers, Dave Johnson, Tim White and Mike Cuccinello 19-17 and Brin Peregrine, Roger Ellis, Alun Daniel and Dave Lewis 16-12.

In a disappointing week, the one shining light for the men was a big Munro Cup win over Sully by 95 shots to 51.

Leading the way was Matt Woodcock with help from father Arty, Keith Williams and Paul Gunter with a win of 30 shots to 7.

They were closely followed by Mal Hope with Ian Mathias, Steve Ellard and Phil Gooding winning by 30 shots to 16.

It was another rink win for skip Tony Holmes with Mike Matthews, Simon Latham and Charlie Lewis by 21 shots to 11.

The fourth rink of Alan Davies, Charles Burton, Clive Palfrey and Ken McLeod suffered a narrow defeat by two shots.

What a contrast for the ladies who are enjoying a very successful season. Again, it was three wins out of three.

In the Evening League, there was a victory by 41 shots to 31 over Penylan - Ann Morrish, Mary Scarrett, Di Roper and Moyra Owen 29-6; Chris Gunter, Veronica Flitney and Di Thomas 12-25.

There was a big win for the double rink team as they outscored Llantrisant by 47 shots to 24. Leading the way was skip Lars White with Pam Farrell, Ellen Lane and Mary Huntley in a 32-9 scoreline which included a creditable draw for Judy Cummings, Beryl Ellis, Gill Latham and Ann Rees.

In the Afternoon League, the Windsor ladies won on two of the three rinks and gained an overall victory 43-34 over Rumney Gardens.

The scores were: Mary Scarrett, Sharon Paterson, Brenda Dunlop and Kay Dyer 15-7; Sue Howells, Ann Rees, Veronica Flitney and Moyra Owen 17-12; Jane Williams, Di Ellard, Angela Hudson and Di Thomas 11-15.

PM

Sully Sports Bowls Club round-up

ON July 18, Sully Sports men's bowls team hosted St Albans in a friendly, which was enjoyable, good-natured, low-scoring, and a very close fought encounter.

The Sports won one rink, drew on another, and despite losing on two rinks, won the aggregate by five shots.

K Romans' rink saw the scores so tight throughout, but in the last three ends the visitors scored two 3s to the home's 2, to snatch a three shot win .

C Coomber's rink won nine of the 15 ends, but all by a single shot, except for a 2 on the 10th, but the Buns made the decisive break with a 4 on the ninth, together with a 3 and two 2s, to have enough shots in hand to fend off a late home challenge and win 13-10.

G Currie's rink raced off to an early 6-0 lead after four ends, only to lose six of the next seven ends to find themselves four shots down.

Winning the next three ends, including a 5 on the penultimate end, victory was almost ensured, but the visiting skip's last wood turned a two shot lie into a 4, and grabbed an honourable draw at 15-15.

G Brown's rink were 6-1 down after six ends, and then found their rhythm to only concede two more ends (three shots) scoring 19 shots in the process to clinch the rink win 20-9, and the overall aggregate of 54-49.

The men then visited Pentyrch on July 21, in the PG1s, on a very fast and tricky green.

Despite winning three of the four rinks, the Sports suffered a one shot aggregate loss, as the home skip's final wood on the last rink to finish, drove into the head to convert a losing lie into the two shots required for the aggregate win.

The result saw Pentyrch record the double over the Sports, and gained their second win in the cup so far this season.

Sully Sports, on aggregate, were down throughout, but always in contention as on all four rinks they won more ends than Pentyrch.

The Sports trailed by five shots after five ends, and three shots at 10 and 15, and then finished agonisingly short by one at the 21st.

Graham Brown's rink won more ends than their hosts but only scored a single each time, and from a 3-3 score after five ends, the hosts scored heavily on most ends that they won, to register a comfortable 27-11 win.

The lead changed hands several times until the ninth end on Charlie Coomber's rink, but a fine run of seven winning ends (from the seventh) seemed to put the Sports in a good position, only for the hosts to claw back to within a shot after 16 ends.

Both sides took three shots each over the next four ends. Thus with only a one shot in it on the final end, the result could gone either way, but the Sports held their nerve to shut out their hosts for a single shot, and took the win by 22-20.

It was also very changeable on Lee Roman's rink, as at 10 ends they were 10-5 down, with the home skip showing great skill to rescue and win ends on which, with the final wood, he turned a loss into a gain.

Under Lee's encouragement, the Sports found their touch to win nine of the remaining ends, scoring 16 shots of their own and limiting the home rink to two shots, to secure a 21-12 win.

Not to be outdone, there was also drama galore on Bob Matthews' rink. After 14 ends, six wins each, the Sports trailed by a shot, took the lead on the 15th and played the last with a six shot cushion, which, as they were the last rink on the green, was enough to take the aggregate.

But a dramatic final two woods overturned a three shot lie in favour of the Sports, to a two shot win for the hosts, and thus the 24-20 win for the Sports was not quite enough for the aggregate.

The Sports are at home again to Cardiff Athletic on Saturday, July 28, in the PG1s.

The ladies section travelled to Cowbridge for their latest Evening League fixture, on July 16, drew on one rink and edge the other by three shots to secure an aggregate win 35-32.

Rink scores: S Phillips, M Smith, M Dare, C Jenkins 20-20; C Harries, R Williams, L Woodcock, S Parker 15-12.

With Millwood ladies withdrawing from the league, the ladies' next fixture is away to Dinas Powys on August 3.

Before that, best of luck to Sylvia Phillips and Mary Dare who play in the final of the Glamorgan Pairs at a venue and on a date still to be confirmed.

New members are always welcome, even at this late stage of the season, whether experienced players or beginners, just turn up at the club, or contact Peter Holland on 01446 622490 or Mary Dare on 01446 732994.

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Barry chess players disappointed with International results

THE South Wales International has now finished - it was not the hoped for results for all four of our players.

In the Open Section Boris Chatalbashev from Denmark retained his title with a score of seven from his nine games. All three of the Barry players finished in mid table losing rating points along the way.

Nigel Ralphs finished with 4.5 points in at exactly half way in 37th place out of the 73 entrants. Nigel was only separated from 28th place on tie break - he recorded two wins and lost two with five draws.

Sam Jukes recorded the best result of our players in earning a draw with IM Virginijus Dambrauskas from Lithuania who has a rating of 2301.

Sam finished in 42nd place with three wins, two draws and four defeats to finish with four points.

Dave Turner was just behind with 3.5 points from two wins, three draws and four losses to finish in 53rd place.

In the Challengers Section the key game was in round four when Peter Watkins, ranked number one in this tournament, played Jeremy Jones ranked number 2.

The game was won by Jeremy, inflicting Peter's only defeat. Jeremy took the title with a score of 4.5 from his six games. Had the game been drawn Peter would have won the title on tie break!

Peter finished third on tie break with 3.5 points, winning two and drawing three. This was a particularly close event with only 10 entrants.

Five players were separated by tie break with 3.5 points with another player just a half point behind.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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Barry RFC news

IT doesn't seem possible with the present high temperatures that the rugby season is only five weeks away.

As the training builds toward the new season and the first league game at home to promoted Taffs Well on Saturday, September 1, the club have arranged a series of pre-season friendlies through August.

They kick off on August 4 at home to Pill Harriers, to be followed by two further home games against Maesteg Quins and Rhyl and District on August 11 and August 18. The final game is away at Caldicot on August 25.

This week's lottery numbers, which again failed to find a winner, were 01, 04, 09 and 15. One ticket claimed £10 for matching three numbers.

This week's jackpot increases to £2,200.

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Got a sports story, match report or item of interest? Then get in touch with us - email sport@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Father and son take prize at Brynhill

THE Caledonian Cup was won at Brynhill Golf Club by the tightest of margins recently, when father and son duo Richard and Tom Webb carded 47 points, to sneak by Peter Curtis and Mike Bird.

The Webbs are popping up way too regularly and the handicap secretary has sharpened his pencil.

On the team front, Brynhill's battling Wayfarers went top of the league, following their 4-1 home demolition of a strong Tredegar Park side.

The sun continues to beat down on a scorched Brynhill Golf Club, rendering the toughest test of golf in the Vale even more difficult than usual and making the four-under handicap 68 from Glyn Williams all the more impressive.

It was just enough to knock Scott Nelson's 69 into second place for the Don the Fox Cup, while Shaun Williams was one further back on 70.

This week it's the annual members and guests invitational.

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